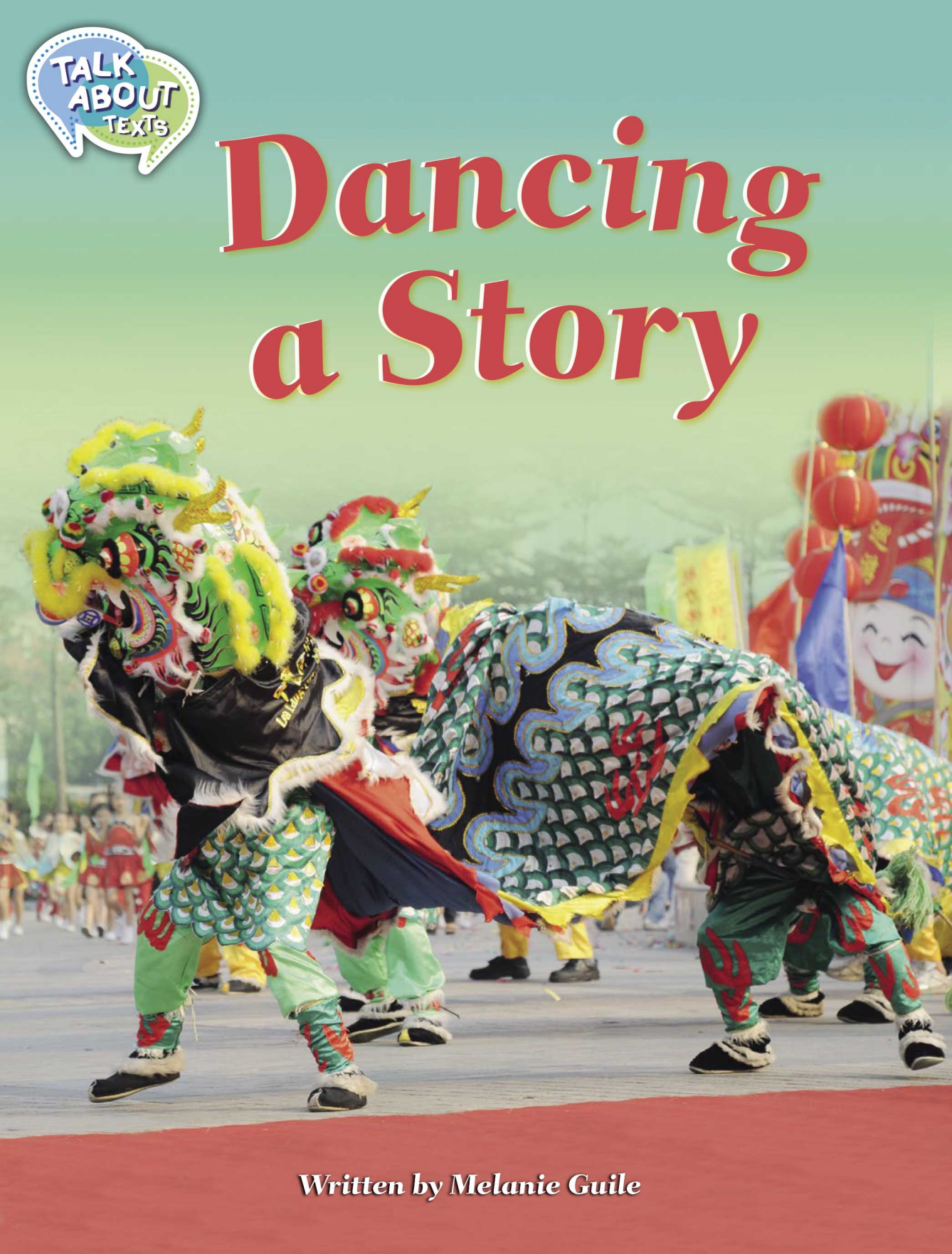
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Stories Without Words

Around the world, people use dance to tell stories. These stories can be about things that really happened or **legends** from long ago. They are important because they help to explain what makes a group of people or a country special and different. People want to remember these stories. They want to pass them on to their children to carry forward.

Dance helps people to learn about their culture. Culture includes art, **traditions** and way of life. Dance brings stories to life using body movements, costumes and music. Without words, dances can tell powerful stories that help cultures live on.

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These children are dancing the flamenco, a traditional dance in Spain.

Chinese Lion Dance

The Lion Dance is a special dance from China. Two dancers dressed in a lion costume jump and leap about. The lion costume is brightly decorated and colourful. Helpers walk with the lion. They beat drums, bang **cymbals** and set off fire crackers.

There are many stories that explain the Lion Dance. They explain how it came to be popular at Chinese celebrations. Some of these stories are very old. They are passed down from generation to generation so that the dance can live on.



The lion costume is made of shiny cloth and brightly coloured fur.

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Many lions join the Lion Dance.

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