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Being a Ballerina

The Power and Perfection of a Dancing Life

A look inside a dancer's world Inspiring, revealing, and deeply relatable, Being a Ballerina is a firsthand look at the realities of life as a professional ballet dancer. Through episodes from her own career, Gavin Larsen describes the forces that drive a person to study dance; the daily balance that dancers navigate between hardship and joy; and the dancer's continual quest to discover who they are as a person and as an artist. Starting with her arrival as a young beginner at a class too advanced for her, Larsen tells how the embarrassing mistake ended up helping her learn quickly and advance rapidly. In other stories of her early teachers, training, and auditions, she explains how she gradually came to understand and achieve what she and her body were capable of. Larsen then re-creates scenes from her experiences in dance companies, from unglamorous roles to exhilarating performances. Working as a ballerina was shocking and scary at first, she says, recalling unexpected injuries, leaps of faith, and her constant struggle to operate at the level she wanted--but full of enormously rewarding moments. Larsen also reflects candidly on her difficult decision to retire at age 35. An ideal read for aspiring dancers, Larsen's memoir will also delight experienced dance professionals and fascinate anyone who wonders what it takes to live a life dedicated to the perfection of the art form.

The Everyday Dancer

Faber & Faber The Everyday Dancer is a new and honest account of the business of dancing from a writer with first hand experience of the profession. Structured around the daily schedule, The Everyday Dancer goes behind the velvet curtain, the gilt and the glamour to uncover the everyday realities of a career in dance. Starting out with the obligatory daily 'class', the book progresses through the repetition of rehearsals, the excitement of creating new work, the nervous tension of the half hour call, the pressures of performance and the anti-climax of curtain down. Through this vivid portrait of a dancer's every day, Deborah Bull reveals the arc of a dancer's life: from the seven-year-old's very first ballet class, through training, to company life, up through the ranks from corps de ballet to principal and then, not thirty years after it all began, to retirement and the inevitable sense of loss that comes with saying goodbye to your childhood dreams.

Dancers Among Us

A Celebration of Joy in the Everyday

Turtleback For use in schools and libraries only. Collects pictures of dancers striking poses in everyday places and while doing everyday things, including in libraries, on subway platforms, at restaurants, and on beaches.

Dancers Among Us

A Celebration of Joy in the Everyday

Workman Publishing Company The mystery of the body in motion. The surprise of seeing what seems impossible. And the pure, joyful optimism of it all. Dancers Among Us presents one thrilling photograph after another of dancers leaping, spinning, lifting, kicking—but in the midst of daily life: on the beach, at a construction site, in a library, a restaurant, a park. With each image the reader feels buoyed up, eager to see the next bit of magic. Photographer Jordan Matter started his Dancers Among Us Project by asking a member of the Paul Taylor Dance Company to dance for him in a place where dance is unexpected. So, dressed in a commuter's suit and tie, the dancer flew across a Times Square subway platform. And in that image Matter found what he'd been searching for: a way to express the feeling of being fully alive in the moment, unself-conscious, present. Organized around themes of work, play, love, exploration, dreaming, and more, Dancers Among Us celebrates life in a way that's fresh, surprising, original, universal. There's no photoshopping here, no trampolines, no gimmicks, no tricks. Just a photographer, his vision, and the serendipity of what happens when the shutter clicks.

Backstage Economies

University of Chester Backstage Economies: Labour and Masculinities in Contemporary European Dance investigates gender politics and labour practices in contemporary European dance. By focusing on masculinities and job careers in professional dance, this study looks at the cultural, historical, and material conditions that shape the dancers' experience of 'the everyday' as they travel to work; struggle to secure funding; nurse injuries; and negotiate their gender and work identities. The emphasis on the dancers' everyday experience is designed to critically explore and to challenge the established methodological boundaries of dance studies: the focus shifts away from the scholarly attentions that are more regularly paid to the phenomenology and perception of performance, towards the material conditions of dance production. In general, this book revisits the debates in dance education related to gender politics and the well-being of dancers; and it also traces and discusses some significant shortcomings of the current European dance policies and employment practices.

Dancers After Dark

A photography collection of nude dancers at night from the bestselling photographer of "Dancers Among Us" - a celebration of the human form and the fearlessness of the human spirit.

Dancing Is the Best Medicine

The Science of How Moving to a Beat Is Good for Body, Brain, and Soul

Greystone Books Ltd An illuminating gift for the dancer in your life, this entertaining book reveals the mental and physical benefits of dance—and the scientific reasons behind why humans are designed for it. Dancing is one of the best things we can do for our health. In this groundbreaking and fun-to-read book, two neuroscientists (who are also dancers) draw on their cutting-edge research to reveal why humans are hardwired for dance show how to achieve optimal health through dancing Taking readers on an in-depth exploration of movement and music, from early humans up until today, the authors show the proven benefits of dance for our heart, lungs, bones, nervous system, and brain. Readers will come away with a wide range of dances to try and a scientific understanding of how dance benefits almost every aspect of our lives. Dance prevents and manages illness and pain: such as Diabetes, arthritis, back pain, and Parkinson's. Dance can be as effective as high intensity interval training: but without the strain on your joints and heart. Dance boosts immunity and lowers stress: it also helps reduce inflammation. Dance positively impacts the microbiome: and aids in digestion, weight loss, and digestive issues such as IBS. Dance bolsters the mind-body connection: helping us get in tune with our bodies for better overall health. We're lucky that one of the best things we can do for our health is also one of the most fun. And the best part: dance is something anyone can do. Old or young, injured or experiencing chronic pain, dance is for everyone, everywhere. So, let's dance! Types of dance featured in the book: Partner dance (salsa, swing dancing, waltz) Ballet Hip hop Modern Jazz Line dancing Tap dancing And more!

The Water Dancer

A Novel

One World #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK • From the National Book Award-winning author of *Between the World and Me*, a boldly conjured debut novel about a magical gift, a devastating loss, and an underground war for freedom. "This potent book about America's most disgraceful sin establishes [Ta-Nehisi Coates] as a first-rate novelist."—San Francisco Chronicle **IN DEVELOPMENT AS A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE •** Adapted by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Kamilah Forbes, directed by Nia DaCosta, and produced by MGM, Plan B, and Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Films **NOMINATED FOR THE NAACP IMAGE AWARD • NAMED ONE OF PASTE'S BEST NOVELS OF THE DECADE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Time • NPR • The Washington Post • Chicago Tribune • Vanity Fair • Esquire • Good Housekeeping • Paste • Town & Country • The New York Public Library • Kirkus Reviews • Library Journal** Young Hiram Walker was born into bondage. When his mother was sold away, Hiram was robbed of all memory of her—but was gifted with a mysterious power. Years later, when Hiram almost drowns in a river, that same power saves his life. This brush with death births an urgency in Hiram and a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known. So begins an unexpected journey that takes Hiram from the corrupt grandeur of Virginia's proud plantations to desperate guerrilla cells in the wilderness, from the coffin of the Deep South to dangerously idealistic movements in the North. Even as he's enlisted in the underground war between slavers and the enslaved, Hiram's resolve to rescue the family he left behind endures. This is the dramatic story of an atrocity inflicted on generations of women, men, and children—the violent and capricious separation of families—and the war they waged to simply make lives with the people they loved. Written by one of today's most exciting thinkers and writers, *The Water Dancer* is a propulsive, transcendent work that restores the humanity of those from whom everything was stolen. Praise for *The Water Dancer* "Ta-Nehisi Coates is the most important essayist in a generation and a writer who changed the national political

conversation about race with his 2015 memoir, *Between the World and Me*. So naturally his debut novel comes with slightly unrealistic expectations—and then proceeds to exceed them. *The Water Dancer* . . . is a work of both staggering imagination and rich historical significance. . . . What's most powerful is the way Coates enlists his notions of the fantastic, as well as his fluid prose, to probe a wound that never seems to heal. . . . Timeless and instantly canon-worthy."—Rolling Stone

Social Choreography

Ideology as Performance in Dance and Everyday Movement

Duke University Press Through the concept of "social choreography" Andrew Hewitt demonstrates how choreography has served not only as metaphor for modernity but also as a structuring blueprint for thinking about and shaping modern social organization. Bringing dance history and critical theory together, he shows that ideology needs to be understood as something embodied and practiced, not just as an abstract form of consciousness. Linking dance and the aesthetics of everyday movement—such as walking, stumbling, and laughter—to historical ideals of social order, he provides a powerful exposition of Marxist debates about the relation of ideology and aesthetics. Hewitt focuses on the period between the mid-nineteenth century and the early twentieth and considers dancers and social theorists in Germany, Britain, France, and the United States. Analyzing the arguments of writers including Friedrich Schiller, Theodor Adorno, Hans Brandenburg, Ernst Bloch, and Siegfried Kracauer, he reveals in their thinking about the movement of bodies a shift from an understanding of play as the condition of human freedom to one prioritizing labor as either the realization or alienation of embodied human potential. Whether considering understandings of the Charleston, Isadora Duncan, Nijinsky, or the famous British chorus line the Tiller Girls, Hewitt foregrounds gender as he uses dance and everyday movement to rethink the relationship of aesthetics and social order.

Dance Recital Journal Love Everyday Laugh Everyday Dance Everyday

Lined Notebook for Girls, Perfect Gift for Dancers ~ Unique Inspirational Quote Diary for Dance Students, Teacher

We Love our Dancers & our Dance Teachers! Perfect Gift for that Special Dancer. Express your Appreciation for Your Favorite Teacher with this Stylish Notebook. A Memorable & Practical Gift for the Best Dancers, Teacher Ever. Perfect Place for Jotting down Thoughts, Notes, Summer Plans, or New Dance Plan Ideas. Premium Matte Finish Cover Design, Sturdy Flexible Cover High Quality 60# Paper Stock Printed on Nice White Paper, 8 x 10 inches, 160 Lined Pages

Everybody Can Dance!

Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text portray a wide variety of people enjoying dance in many form. Includes brief notes about each dance style depicted.

Dancing with the Dead

Memory, Performance, and Everyday Life in Postwar Okinawa

Duke University Press Challenging conventional understandings of time and memory, Christopher T. Nelson examines how contemporary Okinawans have contested, appropriated, and transformed the burdens and possibilities of the past. Nelson explores the work of a circle of Okinawan storytellers, ethnographers, musicians, and dancers deeply engaged with the legacies of a brutal Japanese colonial era, the almost unimaginable devastation of the Pacific War, and a long American military occupation that still casts its shadow over the islands. The ethnographic research that Nelson conducted in Okinawa in the late 1990s—and his broader effort to understand Okinawans' critical and creative struggles—was inspired by his first visit to the islands in 1985 as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Nelson analyzes the practices of specific performers, showing how memories are recalled, bodies remade, and actions rethought as Okinawans work through fragments of the past in order to reconstruct the fabric of everyday life. Artists such as the popular Okinawan actor and storyteller Fujiki Hayato weave together genres including Japanese stand-up

comedy, Okinawan celebratory rituals, and ethnographic studies of war memory, encouraging their audiences to imagine other ways to live in the modern world. Nelson looks at the efforts of performers and activists to wrest the Okinawan past from romantic representations of idyllic rural life in the Japanese media and reactionary appropriations of traditional values by conservative politicians. In his consideration of *eisā*, the traditional dance for the dead, Nelson finds a practice that reaches beyond the expected boundaries of mourning and commemoration, as the living and the dead come together to create a moment in which a new world might be built from the ruins of the old.

Ballerina Body

Dancing and Eating Your Way to a Leaner, Stronger, and More Graceful You

Grand Central Life & Style The celebrated ballerina and role model shares the secrets of how to reshape your body and achieve a lean, strong physique and glowing health. Misty Copeland believes "There has been a shift in recent years in which women no longer desire the bare bones of a runway model. Standards have changed: what women do want is a long, toned, powerful body with excellent posture." In other words, the body of a ballerina. In her first health and fitness book, Misty will show women how to get healthier and stronger and how to reshape their bodies to be lean and flexible with: Step-by-step advice Meal plans focusing on healthy fats Workout routines Words of inspiration, including excerpts from Misty's personal journal

Starting Your Career as a Dancer

Simon and Schuster In *Starting Your Career as a Dancer*, author Mande Dagenais explains what it really takes to get into the business, be in the business, and survive in the business. Based on more than twenty-five years of experience in the performing arts as a dancer, teacher, choreographer/director, and producer, Dagenais offers insider advice and shares her vast knowledge while answering questions asked by professionals and beginners alike. Aspiring dancers will learn about different markets, venues, and types of work for dancers, and what to expect from a dancing job, while experienced dancers will appreciate helpful tips on where and how to find work, business management, and career transition. Covering topics ranging from audition dos and don'ts to injury prevention, this is absolutely the most comprehensive and practical guide you will find to the dancer's profession.

Dancers and Dogs

A photographic art book capturing dynamic dancer and dog duos.

Dance Across the USA

EPS Publishing *Dance Across the USA* is a collection of dancers from all over America, helping to showcase what is beautiful and inspiring in this country. Covering 22,264 miles, 163 Dancers, 90 consecutive days, 56 locations, & 50 states, Master Photographer Jonathan Givens created this project to show what really makes up America. Diversity that exists both in the physical landscape, and in the dancers who make America their home. The photographs in this book are real. The dancers actually did what you see, in the places shown. The skies are real, the landscape is real, even the dirty feet, are real. There is no digital compositing here, nor are there any trampolines or wires. Using only Canon cameras and flashes, Jonathan quite literally went to the ends of the nation, to work with dancers ranging from 5 to 61. Professionals and amateurs, students and teachers, boys and girls, cat lovers and dog lovers, everyone and anyone was welcome. Over 3000 dancers applied to be a part of the project, and those selected for the book reflect not only the range of what makes up dance in America, but they also showed a love for this country and its wonders. *Dance Across the USA* is a fun, beautiful, and inspirational look at America; both its places and its people. It is our differences and our diversity that combine to make us all Americans. From the sandy Florida beaches to the rugged Washington coast, the glaciers of Alaska to Death Valley in California, diversity is the hallmark of what literally makes up America. That diversity is reflected in our citizens, and our dancers. Join Jonathan and the Mighty Buford, as they make this historic journey, that no one has ever been crazy enough to try before.

Nutrition for Dancers

Basics, Performance Enhancement, Practical Tips

Taylor & Francis Dancers are top performance athletes on stage - to keep fit and healthy proper nutrition is an integral part of an optimal dance training. *Nutrition for Dancers* provides the principles of nutrition for dancers of all genres. Authors Liane Simmel and Eva-Maria Kraft clarify widespread nutritional mistakes and give advice on how a healthy diet can be incorporated into the everyday life of dancers.

Ballet Beautiful

Random House Get the strong, toned and graceful figure of a dancer - without the rigorous training! **Mary Helen Bowers** has helped tone and sculpt the bodies of a whole host of celebrities, including **Natalie Portman** for her role in **Black Swan**, plus **Liv Tyler**, **Zoey Deschanel** and **Helena Christensen**. Now, in this fantastic fitness guide, she reveals her exercise, diet and lifestyle plan for transforming your whole body. - Achieve the long, toned and powerful body shape of a dancer - Target trouble areas, such as legs, bum and tummy - Get a dancer's beautiful posture and elegance - Lose weight and turn fat into muscle - Radically transform your physique - Noticeable results in just 14 days

Dancing Identity

Metaphysics In Motion

University of Pittsburgh Press Combining critical analysis with personal history and poetry, **Dancing Identity** presents a series of interconnected essays composed over a period of fifteen years. Taken as a whole, these meditative reflections on memory and on the ways we perceive and construct our lives represent **Sondra Fraleigh's** journey toward self-definition as informed by art, ritual, feminism, phenomenology, poetry, autobiography, and-always-dance. **Fraleigh's** brilliantly inventive fusions of philosophy and movement clarify often complex philosophical issues and apply them to dance history and aesthetics. She illustrates her discussions with photographs, dance descriptions, and stories from her own past in order to bridge dance with everyday movement. Seeking to recombine the fractured and bifurcated conceptions of the body and of the senses that dominate much Western discourse, she reveals how metaphysical concepts are embodied and presented in dance, both on stage and in therapeutic settings. Examining the role of movement in personal and political experiences, **Fraleigh** reflects on her major influences, including **Moshe Feldenkrais**, **Kazuo Ohno**, and **Twyla Tharp**. She draws on such varied sources as philosophers **Simone de Beauvoir** and **Martin Heidegger**, the German expressionist dancer **Mary Wigman**, Japanese **Butoh** founder **Tatsumi Hijikata**, **Hitler**, the **Bomb**, **Miss America**, **Balanchine**, and the goddess figure of ancient cultures. **Dancing Identity** offers new insights into modern life and its reconfigurations in postmodern dance.

Ballet in the Cold War

A Soviet-American Exchange

Oxford University Press, USA "During the Cold War, the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union developed cultural exchange programs, in which they sent performing artists abroad in order to generate goodwill for their countries. Ballet companies were frequently called on to serve in these programs, particularly in the direct Soviet-American exchange. This book analyzes four of the early ballet exchange tours, demonstrating how this series of encounters changed both geopolitical relations and the history of dance. The ballet tours were enormously popular. Performances functioned as an important symbolic meeting point for Soviet and American officials, creating goodwill and normalizing relations between the two countries in an era when nuclear conflict was a real threat. At the same time, Soviet and American audiences did not understand ballet in the same way. As American companies toured in the Soviet Union and vice-versa, audiences saw the performances through the lens of their own local aesthetics. **Ballet in the Cold War** introduces the concept of transliteration to understand this process, showing how much power viewers wielded in the exchange and explaining how the dynamics of the Cold War continue to shape ballet today"--

Tap Dance Troubles

Click. Clack. Tap, tap, tap. **Emma** just started dance lessons and is determined to learn the routine perfectly. But dance isn't as easy as she had hoped. Thankfully **Emma** doesn't give up easily. **Emma** proves that hard work and practice will take those tap dance troubles away in this early chapter book from the **Emma Every Day** series. An ASL fingerspelling chart, glossary, and content-related questions complete the book.

Ballerina Project

Chronicle Books With over one million followers on Instagram, **Ballerina Project** has the largest network of followers in the world for ballet and has become an online phenomenon. Created by New York City-based photographer **Dane Shitagi** over the span of eighteen years, **Ballerina Project** showcases over fifty renowned ballerinas in unexpected urban and natural settings in cities across the globe including **New York**, **Los Angeles**, **San Francisco**, **Buenos Aires**, **London**, **Rome**, and **Paris**. Ballerinas from the world's premiere companies are featured here. This book is bound in ballet pointe shoe-like satin pink cloth with gold foil stamping and a pink satin ribbon marker, with over 170 ballerina photographs in both black-and-white and full color. Introductions by renowned principal ballerinas **Isabella Boylston** and **Francesca Hayward** are included.

HowExpert Guide to Dance and Choreography

101 Tips to Learn How to Dance, Improve Your Choreography Skills, and Become a Better Performer

HowExpert If you want to learn how to dance, improve your choreography skills, and become a better performer, then check out **HowExpert Guide to Dance and Choreography**. This book goes into detail about where to start as a beginner dancer, what you need to know going into dance, and step-by-step guides to help you become a better dancer. For those also interested in choreography, this book shares some tips on how to choreograph for dance and create a great performance. It focuses on the importance of every little step when it comes to dancing, and we discuss the order you should follow as both a dancer and a choreographer. There are examples given as well as first-hand experiences that will provide the reader with a deeper understanding as these 101 tips are explained. Any dancer or choreographer can benefit from the tips given within this book. The readers will walk away from this with a better knowledge of dance, the elements that go into a performance, and a better understanding of the time and commitment that comes with being a dancer or choreographer. In addition, the readers will have an idea as to whether they want to start on the path of learning to dance or choreograph and why. Check out **HowExpert Guide to Dance and Choreography** to learn how to dance, improve your choreography skills, and become a better performer starting today! About the Expert Sydney Marie Skipper is a dancer and choreography for hip hop dance and musical theatre. Sydney has been a dancer for 15 years and received training from the Millennium Dance Complex in California. Growing up, she competed at dance competitions; she danced in numerous performances such as Lip Sync Battle on Telemundo and music videos for artists Emilio Roman and Macy Kate. In addition, she worked alongside choreographers who work within the dance industry. Sydney has choreographed anything from quinceaneras, hip hop team performances, children's theatre, and musical theatre at Grand Canyon University. Therefore, she wrote this beginner book for new dancers and choreographers. **HowExpert** publishes quick 'how to' guides by everyday experts.

Ballet Dances for School Age Kids

Lulu Press, Inc Four complete lively ballet dances for ages 5 to 12 and any number of students. Many piano musical selections suggested, or use rhythm instruments such as the tambourine. Click on the preview to see the table of contents. Each dance gets progressively longer and more advanced. Academic benefits of learning ballet listed. Meant as a companion to my textbook: "Classical Ballet Beginning to Advanced." 1,800 words.

Dancing to Transform

How Concert Dance Becomes Religious in American Christianity

Intellect Books In response to a scarcity of writings on the intersections between dance and Christianity, **Dancing to Transform** examines the religious lives of American Christians who, despite the historically tenuous place of dance within Christianity, are also professional dancers. Emily Wright details how these dancing Christians transform what they perceive as secular professional by transforming concert dance into different kinds of religious practices in order to express individual and communal religious identities. Through a multi-site, qualitative study of four professional dance companies, Wright explores how religious and artistic commitments, everyday lived experience and varied performance contexts influence and shape the approaches of Christian professional dancers to creating, transforming and performing dance. Subsequently, this book provides readers with a greater awareness and appreciation for the complex interactions between American Christianity and dance. This study, in turn, delivers audiences a richer, more nuanced picture of the complex histories of these Christian, dancing communities and offers more fruitful readings of their choreographic productions.

I Am a Dancer Every Day of the Week

5d Media Publishing Ebony loves to dance and dreams of becoming a professional dancer one day. She practices everywhere she goes - at dance class, at school, at home, and even on the playground. Even though she is just 9 years old, Ebony is determined to work towards her goal every day of the week. **I Am a Dancer Every Day of the Week** was written for early readers, utilizing Kindergarten and first-grade sight words.

Winter Season

A Dancer's Journal

Presents the journal of Toni Bentley's life as a dancer for the New York City Ballet, her day-to-day activities, and the emotional struggles that members of George Balanchine's troupe faced.

Dancing Shapes

Ballet and Body Awareness for Young Dancers

What elements define the shapes of dance? With over 50 poses to contemplate and/or recreate, readers develop an eye for detail and explore concepts such as pointed/flexed, tilted, weight, and straight/bent/curved. Dancers increase body awareness, spatial perception and balance, as well as practice ballet technique. Ballet vocabulary is highlighted, along with the value of practice and healthy choices. Spectacular photos of dancing shapes found in nature, creative fantasy, and ballet movements, positions, and forms offer a glimpse into one dancer's ballet journey. A wonderful resource and inspiration for young dance fans.

Dance Everyday Bullet Journal

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We Love our Dancers & our Dance Teachers! Perfect Gift for that Special Dancer. Express your Appreciation for Your Favorite Teacher with this Stylish Notebook. A Memorable & Practical Gift for the Best Teacher Ever. Perfect Place for Jotting down Thoughts, Notes, Summer Plans, or New Dance Plan Ideas. Premium Matte Finish Cover Design High Quality 60# Paper Stock Printed on Nice White Paper, 8 x 10 inches, 160 Dot Grid Pages

The Art of Exotic Dancing for Everyday Women

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Dances, Drills and Story-plays for Every Day and Holidays

America Dancing

From the Cakewalk to the Moonwalk

Yale University Press "The history of American dance reflects the nation's tangled culture. Dancers from wildly different backgrounds watched, imitated, and stole from one another. Audiences everywhere embraced the result as deeply American. Chronicling dance from the minstrel stage to the music video, Megan Pugh shows how freedom--that nebulous, contested American ideal--emerged as a genre-defining aesthetic. Ballerinas mingled with slumming thrill-seekers, and hoedowns showed up on elite opera-house stages. Steps invented by slaves captivated the British royalty and the Parisian avant-garde. Dances were better boundary crossers than their dancers, however, and the racism and class conflicts that haunt everyday life shadow American dance as well. Center stage in America Dancing is a cast of performers who slide, glide, stomp, and swing their way through history. At the nadir of U.S. race relations, cakewalkers embraced the rhythms of black America. On the heels of the Harlem Renaissance, Bill Robinson tap-danced to stardom. At the height of the Great Depression, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers unified highbrow and popular art. In the midst of 1940s patriotism, Agnes de Mille brought jazz and square dance to ballet, then took it all to Broadway. In the decades to come, the choreographer Paul Taylor turned pedestrian movements into modern masterpieces, and Michael Jackson moonwalked his way to otherworldly stardom. These artists both celebrated and criticized the country, all while inspiring others to get moving. For it is partly by pretending to be other people, Pugh argues, that Americans discover themselves ... America Dancing demonstrates the centrality of dance in American art, life, and identity, taking us to watershed moments when the nation worked out a sense of itself through public movement"--Publisher's description.

HowExpert Guide to Belly Dancing

101+ Tips to Learn How to Belly Dance from A to Z

HowExpert HowExpert Guide to Belly Dancing is for all dance lovers, especially for those in love with belly dancing. It serves as a guiding tool to learn the dance from the basic movements. This guide is divided into eight main sections that teach the different aspects of the belly dancing, starting with the basic belly dance posture and then going through the belly dance movements of the lower and upper part of the body. Each section contains several sub-sections that guide you gradually towards the next step. At the end of the book, there is a review part highlighting the key moments that you have to incorporate. Besides sharing instructions for engaging the upper and lower parts of the body, this guide also gives you insight into the basic techniques on how to move on stage and how to manage your choreography. All techniques gained from the sections will not mean a thing if you do not connect them into a graceful dance. The key point of this book is to motivate and inspire you to learn, grow, and succeed in your belly dancing journey. Although some steps are easier and can be learned faster, others require more time and practice. However, no matter what the obstacles are, challenge yourself to become better with every new step. About the Expert Aneta Dimoska is a passionate dancer and dedicated learner. Her love for dancing began in the early years of her life. Ever since then, she has nurtured this passion and developed skills in many dances. Her favorites are belly dancing and Latin dancing. She has an affection towards all belly dance styles. As a graduate of a sociology degree, she is in love with the Middle East culture and tradition. Her interest in this civilization expands through the years following the challenges that these societies are facing. Understanding this unique culture has made her connection with belly dancing even stronger. HowExpert publishes quick 'how to' guides on all topics from A to Z by everyday experts.

Book Me!

How to Become a Successful Working Dancer in Hollywood

Industry expert Colton puts dancers on the fast track to getting booked solid in Hollywood. With a Foreword by celebrity choreographer Brian Friedman and stories of more than 60 working dancers and 50 top choreographers, this text is the best how-to book on becoming a professional working dancer.

Dance or Die

From Stateless Refugee to International Ballet Star A MEMOIR

Charlesbridge Publishing A Syria-born dancer offers his deeply personal story of war, statelessness, and the pursuit of the art of dance in this inspirational memoir. DANCE OR DIE is an autobiographical coming-of-age account of Ahmad Joudeh, a young refugee who grows up in Damascus with dreams of becoming a dancer. When he is recruited by one of Syria's top dance companies, neither bombs nor family opposition can keep him from taking classes, practicing hard, and becoming a Middle Eastern celebrity on a Lebanese reality show. Despite death threats if Ahmad continues to dance, his father kicking him out of the house, and the war around him intensifying, he persists and even gets a tattoo on his neck right where the executioner's blade would fall that says, "Dance or Die." A powerful look at refugee life in Syria, DANCE OR DIE tells of the pursuit of personal expression in the most dangerous of circumstances and of the power of art to transcend war and suffering. It follows Ahmad from Damascus to Beirut to Amsterdam, where he finds a home with one of Europe's top ballet troupes, and from where he continues to fight for the human rights of refugees everywhere through his art, his activism, and his commitment to justice.

HowExpert Guide to Ballet

101+ Tips to Learn How to Get Started in Ballet, Discover Tips & Tricks, and Become a Better Ballet Dancer

HowExpert If you are thinking about taking ballet classes, have a child who is starting to dance, or want to know more about ballet, then HowExpert Guide to Ballet is for you. This book covers many things, such as: - How to find the best

studio for you. - Elements to look for in classes from ages 3 to 18. - What to wear to class if you are a child or an adult dancer. - Things to bring to class in your dance bag. - How to make the perfect ballet bun. - Proper ballet etiquette. - How to behave in class, at the barre, and when dancing in the center of the room. - Warm-up exercises to do sitting and standing. - Basic feet and arm positions. - The five major methods of ballet instruction. - Advice and encouragement for adult beginners. - The history of pointe shoes. - How dancers soften or harden their pointe shoes from ripping them apart to baking them in the oven. - What dancers wear inside their pointe shoes to make them comfortable. - How to Identify "dead pointe shoes" and why they are dangerous. - The history of male dancers in ballet. - Information for parents whose sons want to take ballet classes. - What Men's Classes and Partnering Classes are. - Featuring expert advice, tips and tricks, and stories from the barre. About the Author Lauren Dillon is a multifaceted writer who has been dancing classical ballet for over two decades. She has worked as a dance instructor for children and enjoys sharing classical ballet with others. Born and raised in Florida, Lauren was inspired to take ballet classes by her mother, who took ballet classes as an adult. Lauren earned her Bachelor of Arts in Russian & Eastern European Studies from Florida State University (FSU). After moving across the country to California, Lauren earned her Master of Arts in Museum Studies from the University of San Francisco. When she wasn't visiting museums or working in a performing arts archive, she continued to dance at San Francisco Ballet and Alonzo King LINES Ballet. HowExpert publishes how to guides by everyday experts.

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Dance Adventures

True Stories About Dancing Abroad

Dance provides a way to travel far beyond the typical tourist experience. By connecting with local people through a shared love of movement, dancers catalyze many unique opportunities. They build cross-cultural friendships with dance as the only shared language, discover ways to train with celebrated teachers, experience cultural immersion key to their personal development, and more. In this anthology, you'll find stories from renowned performers, dance educators, and other avid dance adventurers. Their tales about epic dance adventures across North America, Europe, South America, Asia, and Africa highlight various dance traditions, as well as unique aspects of each country's geography, history, demographics and educational systems. In this way, Dance Adventures celebrates the power of dance to connect us to the best parts of humanity, as well as to the best parts of ourselves.

Dancing Wheels

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Describes the creation, training, and performances of the dance troupe known as Dancing Wheels who incorporate the movements of dancers who dance standing up and those who are in wheelchairs.

Dance Every Day

Dance in Your Living Room Every Day

Independently Published Dance everyday, every day that you are alive, because you are alive, you need to dance and show the world and yourself that you are alive. Use this book, this wide-ruled lined paper book, to store memories of your life, your dance, your ecstasy, your world, your hopes.