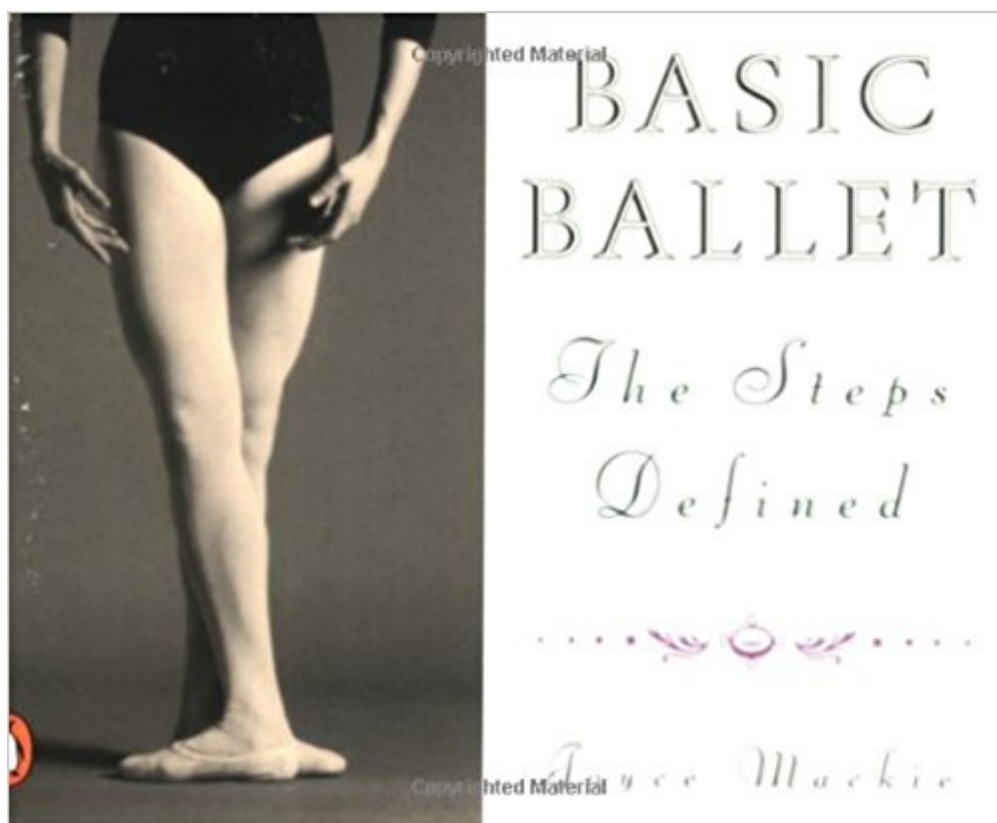


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Synopsis

All the basic movements in classical ballet, illustrated with 275 detailed photographs. This unique handbook shows all the basic positions, steps, and movements in classical ballet, arranged in the sequence of lessons usually followed over six years of training. An invaluable practice manual for dance students, it is also a wonderful companion to the dance for ballet enthusiasts or anyone who wants a better understanding and appreciation of the art.

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Customer Reviews

HAHA I thought this was a BIG book...turns out it is 1/4 of a book....nice reference for your pocket or dance bag...so that is where it is going (in the stocking so my daughter can put it in her dance bag...and hopefully read it!) It is well illustrated and I love any reference (pocket size is okay too!) that pertains to dance (ballet especially!) I got it "used-very good condition" and it was JUST as described! Thank you- I really like this TINY book!

This very complete volume is a lovely gift book as well as a useful reference book. The only weakness is the lack of emphasis on arm positions when doing the steps although they are illustrated in the photographs. I believe dancers who have experienced the following will find it useful too: When I was a student of ballet, I was frustrated by the subtle differences in the standards of different teachers. Sometimes I wondered, "So how EXACTLY am I supposed to do this?" I did not enjoy being corrected for what a prior instructor had taught me and pronounced well-executed.

This book would have clarified things for me at the time. Now that I practice alone, I find this book invaluable. Also, I support Christine's review dated May 4, 2001.

A nice little book that shows the basic ballet moves. I wish the book was a little bigger eg 5" x 5" because I show the photos to students in my ballet exercise class so they can see what a pro looks like doing the moves.

excellent reference book just wish it was bigger than a postcard!

I'm a dance teacher, but it had been a while since my full immersion in ballet. Whenever I blank on the name of something or just need a quick reference, this book is perfect. Love it.

I had this book 30 years ago when I started ballet as an adult. It helped me tremendously as far as learning ballet terminology. If the instructor called out a step that I didn't know, I would come home and look it up and understand what I needed to do to create it. I loaned it out the first time but won't do that again. I hope it helps my grandchildren.

I had this book when I was a kid and I loved it. I had it when I moved and then one day it was just gone. So I got it again. I love the pictures and it is a great supplement to a class.

I am a beginning adult student, had one class in college. I have enjoyed looking at the steps with the pictures. As I am learning this clarifies the technique. I like the explanations. Ballet is challenging and this de-mystifies a lot of the process. The pictures are in black and white, which I do not mind. It is straight forward and easy to follow. I am glad I bought it.

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