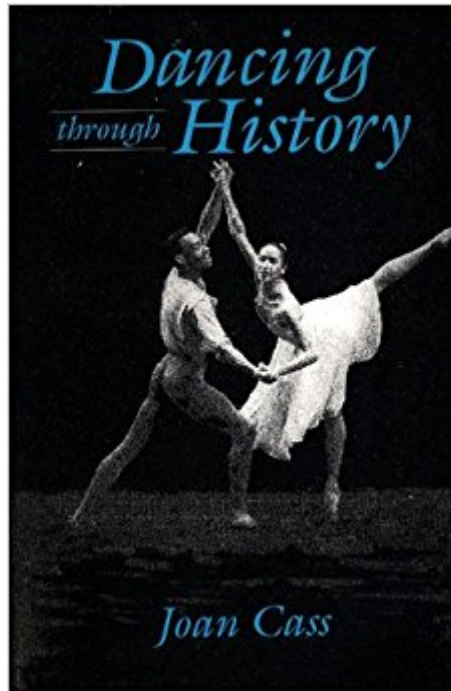




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# Dancing Through History



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This book gives an overview of the history of dance. I bought it for a class I was taking. It goes in to detail about some things but not a lot. The author uses some strange wording and is obviously biased at times instead of presenting an unbiased scholarly brief overview of the history. The book is not the easiest read since I found it rather boring. My teacher has been using this book for years but doesn't like it. She has finally decided to switch books, unfortunately too late for me. If you just want a brief overview of dance history, especially if you know nothing about it and/or are not even a dancer, it's fine. If you are looking for a whole history with details, look somewhere else.

Honestly, I'm not sure why there isn't a newer version. Our History of Dance teacher asked us to get this book and while it does a good job of describing some things, it doesn't have anything in it from the past 11 years. I complain about there being new versions of textbooks every 2 years with only a sentence or two changed, but 11 is a bit much. The author also seems to go off on tangents about specific things that she likes about a specific topic, which often gets away from the point of the information, making it harder to find what's important. It's full of information, but finding the important stuff can be a task.

This book is incredible and has very valuable information. This book is recommended for anyone trying to learn the history of modern dance.

It was an okay book with lots of typos and opinionated comments. I didn't think it was well organized nor well written and there were also a few inaccurate informations regarding who was the creator of

what. And it is expensive! Overall an okay reference to give you a general idea of things.

I had to purchase for a class. Over-priced and terribly written with several grammatical errors.

Useful book, but too overpriced for the extremely bad conditions in which it is and the numerous highlights it has

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