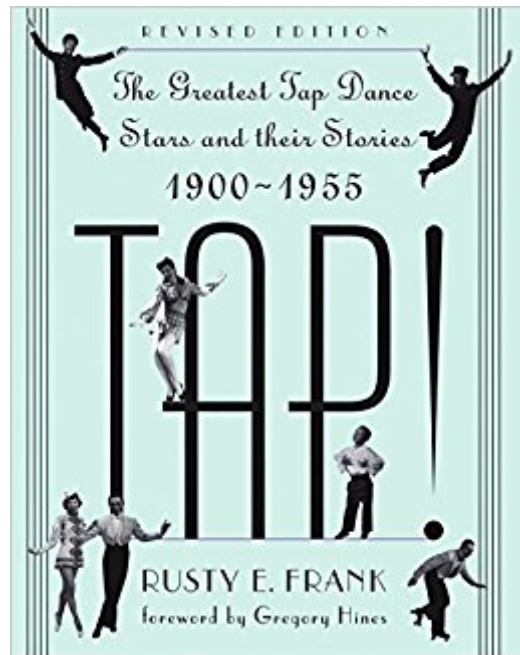




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Tap!; and she owns and operates On Tap!, which promotes tap productions and markets tap supplies. She lives in Los Angeles, where she is producing the documentary TAP! The Tempo of America.

I had this book for several years before I loaned to a dance teacher and she never returned it. I have since purchased another and I hope that she enjoyed it as much as I did.

This is a good book but not the history of tap dancers throughout film history I was hoping for. It's made up of interviews most of which are fascinating.

An excellent educational book for tap dancers.

Very interesting book about dancers and important for research when writing articles about dancers. Very pleased with this informative, interesting book.

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