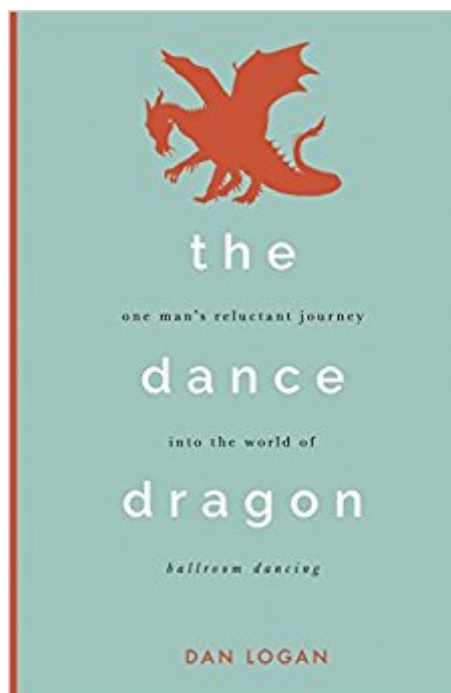


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The Dance Dragon



Synopsis

After a lifetime of avoiding dance at weddings and social gatherings, Dan Logan finds himself trapped. His daughter, a ballet aficionado, was getting married. A father-daughter dance was inevitable. He confronts his fear of dance and finds the courage to walk in a ballroom dance studio, meets Melissa the instructor, and his life changes. At the wedding, Dan discovers there are moments when he enjoys dancing and he decides he must face the dance dragon and make a serious effort to learn. His journey takes him into a world of dance studios and clubs, where he dances with hundreds of women, travels to rural Cuba and eventually Washington D.C for a competitive performance for his final confrontation with the dragon. Author Bio: The Dance Dragon is Dan Logan's first novel. He grew up in Boston, graduated with a major in American history from the University of Notre Dame, spent three years in the U.S Military and received an M.B.A. in marketing research from New York University. After 12 years working at a large global advertising firm in New York at the end of the Mad Men era, Dan moved back to Boston and started his own advertising and communication firm. Dan and his wife Eileen live on the Boston waterfront. Key words: Dance, Ballroom, Wedding, Tango, Dragon, Cuba, Learning, Hemingway, Rhythm, Havana

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Customer Reviews

This book belongs on the shelf at every dance studio in the country. Scratch that every place people are trying new things. We all have them, some call them dragons, some demons, but the fear of striving to do the unknown is innate. This is a wonderful journey of one man challenging himself to face his fear of not being perfect the first go. As a coach of young girls I see this same fear, their "dragons" manifest themselves in self-deprecation and/or giggling with their shoulders around their

ears. The repeated "I'm not good at that," to which I make them add, "yet." Dan's story takes the reader through what it takes to move beyond the embarrassment of not being good enough to practicing until you are. It allows for failures to be building blocks instead of stumbling blocks, as so often considered in our own minds. The writing was engaging and light hearted. There is a bit of the public speaking technique; tell them what you are going to tell them, tell them, and then tell them that you told them. But over all this is a lovely story worth the telling. I would recommend it to anyone who is attempting a new skill whether they are young or old.

This book is perfect if you're looking for a great summer read. Dan's journey into learning dance has something for everyone whether they've never spent a minute on the dance floor or have dedicated their life to it.

Never underestimate a father's love. Dan Logan's love for his daughter, prompted him to get dance lessons to be able to dance at her wedding. Such powerful motivation led him to face his fear of dance embodied in the dance dragon. He repeatedly confronted DD and discovered a community at the dance studio where he took lessons and beyond. I enjoyed this quick read. Dancing has always been a part of my life so it was interesting to learn about someone who didn't have dance as a part of his life and had studiously avoided it for most of his life. He has become an aficionado. I recommend.

I am not a dancer and wasn't sure what to expect. The idea of facing one's inner foe intrigued me, so I decided to read the book. Dan was so honest about his dragon and the desire to beat it after decades of it precluding him from enjoying dance. I really felt like I was in the scenes with him, feeling his pain. I was impressed that Dan was able to expose his fears and weaknesses - and to openly explain how he came to slay his dragon. Kudos to Dan for taking the risk to face his dragon and to share his experience with the world.

I picked up The Dance Dragon with the intention of skimming a few pages but ended up spending a few very enjoyable hours reading the entire book. Dan's story about his journey to learn to dance was thoroughly engaging, and I appreciated the quality of his writing as well as his humor and humility. Though I'm not sure I'm inclined to follow in his footsteps to pursue dancing, I am nevertheless inspired to explore ways to push out of my own comfort zones, whether it be expanding some of my current interests or taking on new ones. I highly recommend The Dance

Dragon.

This dance dragon was slain with first time author Dan Logan. A witty, poignant, insightful look at one man's journey into the world of dance. Dan manages to pull you into his new world of fears and challenges with ease, grace and humor. The Dance Dragon is a really a life lesson for everyone, no matter what your personal dragon might be, you can tame your dragon! A MUST read. Won't disappoint. Highly recommended

A fun memoir of a man stepping out of his comfort zone, and learning a lot about himself in the process. If you like ballroom dancing, journeys of self-discovery or people who are finding new life in their sixties, you'll enjoy The Dance Dragon.

I've known the author for quite awhile. After reading this revealing story, I wish I had taken time to really know Dan. Since there is extensive discussion about the learning to dance process, I thought I might be bored. But this past weekend, I fought back my own Dragon and danced up a very unskilled storm at a nephew's wedding.

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