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# **ABC Of Ballet**





## Synopsis

This concise little book provides a clearly worded and abundantly illustrated introduction to the language and positions of classical ballet. Beginning with the five basic foot positions, it fully defines and describes in alphabetical order more than 40 ballet-related terms â " from adagio, allegro, and arabesque to tour en l'aire, tutu, and variation. The precise, easy-to-follow text is accompanied by 48 realistically rendered illustrations, many of which show major ballet steps in sequenced drawings. A pronunciation guide to terms (listed alphabetically) is also included. Designed to heighten any ballet lover's appreciation and enjoyment of this art form, ABC of Ballet will serve as an excellent primer for ballet audiences, enthusiasts, and beginning students alike.

## **Book Information**

Paperback: 48 pages Publisher: Dover Publications; Dover ed edition (July 2, 1999) Language: English ISBN-10: 048640871X ISBN-13: 978-0486408712 Product Dimensions: 4.2 x 0.2 x 5.8 inches Shipping Weight: 0.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) 4.6 out of 5 stars Average Customer Review: 11 customer reviews Best Sellers Rank: #646,639 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #33 in Books > Arts & Photography > Performing Arts > Dance > Ballet #70 in Books > Arts & Photography > Performing Arts > Dance > Reference #168 in Books > Arts & Photography > Performing Arts > Dance > Classical Age Range: 9 - 12 years Grade Level: 4 - 7

**Customer Reviews** 

This is the best book of its kind I have seen. It accurately and succintly displays and defines, with illustrations and text, all the moves and positions of classical ballet, minus a couple - Maya Plisetskaya, for example, devised an important move (arms crossed in front, head bowed) that unfortunately isn't noted here. By its brevity and reliability this tiny work succeeds perfectly, for all ages, and the authoress has decorated it with incisive and colorful epithets that add to our enjoyment, such as Martha Graham's "Dance is the hidden soul of the body."

Good for the beginning ballet student or those who love ballet. Small enough to fit in your pocket for class or if you are going to see a show.

#### if into ballet

all you need to know as a beginner; recommended especially for adults who are just starting this wonderful art of movement.

While a good book for little ballerinas, i wish that there were a few other basic terms in the book that were not in there for some reason. It also tended to show alot of the steps while "en pointe" & not on "flats." I feel that this will just make the young ones keep going up on their toes & can possibly hurt themselves. Most girls go en pointe between 10-13 yrs of age. This book was meant for beginners, not ones that have been in classes for years. I still find that it does give basic info, which is extremely helpful for the children & their parents.

ABC of ballet arrived quickly and was smaller than the picture suggested. Nonetheless I'm happy with this product.

This book is a wonderfully written study in the terminolgy of ballet. the illustrations are so helpful, and the information so thoughtfully written. I have purchased many copies for all the little girls in my life, to share and spark interest in ballet. This book was written by someone who loved and appreciated this beautiful art form.

This was a helpful little book with definitions for ballet steps and terms that is useful when it slips out of your mind in dance class! Also, it has pictures that show you positions of arms, feet, and other poses etc. This would be great for any beginner to ballet, for the basic terms are listed and explained well.

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