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[Dancing Through Fire](#) Troubador Publishing Ltd

Actress Susan Priver began her love affair with the stage as a young ballerina handpicked to attend George Balanchine's School of American Ballet at age 14. But at 17 she blows her chance to become part of the New York City Ballet when she succumbs to a bout of debilitating depression. She eventually restarts her ballet career, dancing with New York's Eglevsky Ballet and the Hannover State Opera, in Germany. But when she's fired by the Cleveland Ballet at age 24, she finds herself overwhelmed with shame, without the strength or confidence to audition for another company. For a dancer, not being employed and not performing, means you don't exist. Susan travels back to her parent's Los Angeles home hoping to get the love and compassion she never got. Instead, she's reminded that she was never good enough. Life becomes a descent into hell. A series of waitressing jobs and bad relationships (including one with a Russian psychologist who has a penchant for shoplifting), ensue. Searching for a self without ballet, Susan unconsciously seeks to feel the pain that ballet dancers must endure on a daily basis. Only after hitting rock bottom does she find the courage to reconnect to her love for the stage. This is her personal story of discovering meaning without the veil of ballet, a story of overcoming and learning how to live in the real world without a tiara.

Instructions for Dancing Melville House

"I was amazed to find that I had no idea how to unfold my spiritual life in a feminine way. I was surprised, and, in fact, a little terrified, when I found myself in the middle of a feminist spiritual reawakening." – Sue Monk Kidd For years, Sue Monk Kidd was a conventionally religious woman. Then, in the late 1980s, Kidd experienced an unexpected awakening, and began a journey toward a feminine spirituality. With the exceptional storytelling skills that have helped make her name, author of *When the Heart Waits* tells her very personal story of the fear, anger, healing, and freedom she experienced on the path toward the wholeness that many women have lost in the church. From a jarring encounter with sexism in a suburban drugstore, to monastery retreats and to rituals in the caves of Crete, she reveals a new level of feminine spiritual consciousness for all women – one that retains a meaningful connection with the "deep song of Christianity," embraces the sacredness of ordinary women's experience, and has the power to transform in the most positive ways every fundamental relationship in a woman's life – her marriage, her career, and her religion. This Plus edition paperback includes a recent interview with the author conducted by the book's editor Michael Maudlin.

[Buffalo Dance](#) Simon and Schuster

Highly acclaimed UCLA Women's gymnastics coach of 7 NCAA

championships Valorie Kondos Field shares insights on how to use uniqueness and authenticity to achieve success. Former professional ballerina Valorie Kondos Field--or Miss Val, as she's affectionately known--has never tumbled, flipped, or even played any type of organized sports, and yet she has been able to craft a legendary coaching career through curiosity, creativity, attention to detail, and unwavering care for the overall well-being of her athletes. For Miss Val, it's not about winning and losing, it's about choreographing your life and owning the choices you make. Miss Val has shaped her UCLA Gymnastics program as a life skills class and now she's sharing those lessons with you, whether you're an athlete, business leader, or simply someone who wants to own their destiny. Miss Val's philosophies are timeless. Her coaching style is unorthodox. *Life Is Short, Don't Wait to Dance* is a thought-provoking, fun journey through the anecdotes of the 35-year career of a dancer/choreographer turned athletic coach. The book includes unforgettable stories of the Olympians and athletes with whom she's worked--including the inspirational journey of Katelyn Ohashi, whose joyful transformation under the tutelage of Miss Val was evident to the world when her perfect 10 floor routine went viral -- reaching over 100 million viewers. Other triumphs include Olympian Jamie Dantzscher, who found her confidence at UCLA and learned the tools to combat her previous abuse; and sensation Christine Peng Peng Lee, who helped the Bruins clinch the 2018 NCAA championship with back-to-back 10's. Miss Val also shares her favorite memories of her mentor, legendary basketball coach John Wooden, as well as her thoughts on Larry Nassar and the gymnastics sexual abuse scandal. Miss Val reveals how her coaching journey had a rocky start before she found her own best approach. In time she realized that her dance background wasn't a detriment, it was a gift. When she embraced this, Miss Val led the Bruins to victory. *Life Is Short, Don't Wait to Dance* is packed with great advice for anyone on a quest for success, delivered in Miss Val's reassuring and inspirational tone. She took the same approach to her breast cancer diagnosis, explaining how she made that struggle into one of the best years of her life. For Miss Val, it's all about attitude. *Life Is Short, Don't Wait to Dance* is a powerful book that shows you how to make the leap of faith in choosing your own path to greatness.

[The Ballet Companion](#) Center Street

"I have now read this book more than once. I want to be clear about my response. It is one of the most powerful, inspiring, personal journeys I have ever had the pleasure of reading. I have never read anything like it before. I give it my highest possible recommendation. Although I am personally familiar with Jennifer's story, I was unprepared for how deeply it inspired me to want to be a better person." - S. Eric Ottesen My childhood memories are sweet and wonderful - except for my memories of cystic fibrosis (CF), the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in the United States. As I grew up with my brothers and sister, I can now see that we were just kids being kids-loving life in the present, oblivious of the future and not knowing how much we would treasure our past. Justin, my witty, zealous, older brother, had many reasons to not feel like smiling. He had even

more reasons not to feel like dancing. After all, his physicians had told him he wasn't supposed to live past the age of nineteen due to CF. Still, Justin was always the first one grinning on the dance floor as he asked "wallflowers" to dance. Justin had an uncanny ability to look past his wants, pain and discomfort and to instead focus on becoming a wallflower's knight in shining armor. While still mourning Justin's passing, my own lung capacity became critical and shrunk to the size of a silver dollar. In order to save my life, more than 30 friends stepped forward, offering to donate lobes of their lungs. From tragedy to triumph, "My Heroes Ask Wallflowers to Dance" chronicles my family's struggles to live with a terminal illness while at the same time celebrating the courageous human spirit, Christ-like love and selfless sacrifice.

Monkey Dancing PublicAffairs

When Ditmars first went to Iraq in 1997 for the "New York Times," she saw beauty, architecture, and music in the midst of despair. Ditmars traveled to Iraq again and again, reporting on every aspect of life. Featuring tales of her visits, this book captures the full humanity of a people who have suffered much yet have maintained a spirit of resilience. Photos.

*The Dance of the Dissident Daughter* Orbis Books

AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "A charming, wholehearted love story that's sure to make readers swoon."—Entertainment Weekly "Nicola Yoon writes from the heart in this beautiful love story."—Good Morning America "It's like an emotional gut punch—so beautiful and also heart-wrenching."—US Weekly In this romantic page-turner from the author of *Everything, Everything* and *The Sun is Also a Star*, Evie has the power to see other people's romantic fates—what will happen when she finally sees her own? Evie Thomas doesn't believe in love anymore. Especially after the strangest thing occurs one otherwise ordinary afternoon: She witnesses a couple kiss and is overcome with a vision of how their romance began . . . and how it will end. After all, even the greatest love stories end with a broken heart, eventually. As Evie tries to understand why this is happening, she finds herself at La Brea Dance Studio, learning to waltz, fox-trot, and tango with a boy named X. X is everything that Evie is not: adventurous, passionate, daring. His philosophy is to say yes to everything—including entering a ballroom dance competition with a girl he's only just met. Falling for X is definitely not what Evie had in mind. If her visions of heartbreak have taught her anything, it's that no one escapes love unscathed. But as she and X dance around and toward each other, Evie is forced to question all she thought she knew about life and love. In the end, is love worth the risk?

**Dancing in the No-fly Zone** Jean-Philippe Soulé  
DIVGod is speaking. Are you listening? /div  
*Under A Dancing Star* University Press of Kentucky

In grey, 1930s England, Bea has grown up kicking against the conventions of the time, all the while knowing that she will one day have to marry someone her parents choose - someone rich enough to keep the family estate alive. But she longs for so much more - for adventure, excitement, travel, and maybe even romance. When she gets the chance to spend the summer in Italy with her bohemian uncle and his fianc\_e, a whole world is opened up to Bea - a world that includes Ben, a cocky young artist who just happens to be infuriatingly handsome

too. Sparks fly between the quick-witted pair until one night, under the stars, a challenge is set: can Bea and Ben put aside their teasing and have the perfect summer romance? With their new friends gleefully setting the rules for their fling, Bea and Ben can agree on one thing at least: they absolutely, positively will not, cannot fall in love... A long, hot summer of kisses and mischief unfolds - but storm clouds are gathering across Europe, and home is calling. Every summer has to end - but for Bea, this might be just the beginning.

Life Is Short, Don't Wait to Dance Scholastic Paperbacks

Holly and Heather share their story and help to walk the reader through the painful yet necessary healing process for when life deals us its harshest blows. Dancing on my ashes soothes and empathizes with the broken heart, while sharing the truth of scripture, and the hope that comes from the heart of God.

*Awakening to the Dance* Createspace

Independent Publishing Platform

Candace Cameron Bure has grown up before our eyes and we've watched as she's balanced life in Hollywood with her faith for many years. But that all reached new heights when she was given the opportunity to join the cast of *Dancing With the Stars*. Being on the show was one of her dreams come true; and with that dream came the opportunity to display her Christian faith in front of millions of people, through an intense season of stretching beyond her limits, and to run the race God gave her with joy and perseverance. Join Candace as she reflects on the self-discovery that came through leaping out of her comfort zone. Go behind the scenes and experience the highs and lows, the roadblocks, and the personal victories. Hear straight from her heart on tough lessons learned about grace, rejection, perfectionism, disappointment, accountability, dealing with criticism, and more. Through God's strength, and with the help of endless support from her family and friends, see how Candace stayed true to herself and publicly lived out her faith in Christ all the way to the finale. How do you stand with conviction in your world? Where does your courage come from when faced with challenges? How do you live out your faith on a daily basis despite opposition? Your stage probably isn't in Hollywood and the challenges you are facing may not be on live television, but they are no less real. Come along with Candace as she shares how she found the courage to stand with conviction on one of the largest platforms of her life.

**Sun Dancing** Eagles Global Publishing

A powerful story of one man's redemption through the Lakota Sun Dance ceremony. • Written by the only white man to be confirmed as a Sundance Chief by traditional Lakota elders. • Includes forewords

by prominent Lakota spiritual leaders Leonard Crow Dog, Charles Chipps, Mary Thunder, and Jamie Sams. The Sun Dance is the largest and most important ceremony in the Lakota spiritual tradition, the one that ensures the life of the people for another year. In 1988 Michael Hull was extended an invitation to join in a Sun Dance by Lakota elder Leonard Crow Dog-- a controversial action because Hull is white. This was the beginning of a spiritual journey that increasingly interwove the life of the author with the people, process, and elements of Lakota spirituality. On this journey on the Red Road, Michael Hull confronted firsthand the transformational power of Lakota spiritual practice and the deep ambivalence many Indians had about opening their ceremonies to a white man. *Sun Dancing* presents a profound look at the elements of traditional Lakota ceremonial practice and the ways in which ceremony is regarded as life-giving by the Lakota. Through his commitment to following the Red Road, Michael Hull gradually won acceptance in a community that has rejected other attempts by white America to absorb its spiritual practices, leading to the extraordinary step of his confirmation as a Sun Dance Chief by Leonard Crow Dog and other Lakota spiritual leaders.

*Dancing Through It* Simon and Schuster

What does it take for us to become our authentic selves? In her memoir, Georganne Spruce, a woman who chooses to define herself rather than follow society's stereotypes, searches for an authentic identity, creative expression, and a spirituality that uplifts her. On this journey, this dance of life, she learns to release her fear, express her deepest thoughts, heal her body, stand strong in relationships, and find her spiritual core. As a teacher, she strives to empower those she teaches. This book is more than one woman's story, for Georganne shares the tools, practices, dreams, and insights she has used to transform life's challenges into a life she loves.

**Birth of a Dancing Star** B&H Publishing Group

A multi-skilled young man in the performing arts finds himself on a life long quest to live his heart out and follow his passion to become a professional dancer, singer and actor. Along the way he meets life challenges, both personal and professional, yet he soldiers on to create the life he chooses to live. Tasos Nikopoulos shares his journey with the intent to inspire others to do the same. His leap of faith, perpetual trust, willingness to learn, determination and focus are incredibly admirable. And throughout his memoir, readers are treated to what goes on behind the scenes in the world of professional dance.

*What You Become in Flight* Charisma Media

When your very life is a minefield, only faith, friends, and family will get you through... *Dancing through Minefields* is a truly explosive story of will and wisdom. Protagonist Anne Schroeder walks the reader through a life of danger, abuse, and fear; avoiding landmines as she protects her children and unwaveringly keeps her eyes on the light at the end of the tunnel. Which will terrify you more? Mike, who threatens her safety and sanity, or Breast Cancer, which threatens her womanhood, sexuality, and her very life? Will she survive one only to be taken down by the other? Debut author Carol Feller creates a magnificent story of courage in the midst of fear, confronting

real issues with corresponding emotionally-charged accounts of Anne's fight against both spousal abuse and Breast Cancer. "Descriptions were most apt and put me right in the story. Your story is compelling, convincing and uplifting." Lois Hjelmstad, author of *Fine Black Lines* "What you had to say was powerful, in spite of being very sad..." Jane Lukic, lyricist and performer, *Breath after Breath* from album *After the Storm* "Vivid, relatable, and above all, encouraging!" Rachel Mitchell Library Director

**My Journey as a Belly Dancer** Cadwallader and Stern

"In James E. Ransome's realistic pastel portraits, Battle, his family, and his teachers all seem lit from within." —The New York Times Book Review A boy discovers his passion for dance and becomes a modern hero in this inspiring picture book biography of Robert Battle, artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. When Robert Battle was a boy wearing leg braces, he never dreamed he'd study at Juilliard. Though most dancers begin training at an early age, it wasn't until Robert was a teenager that his appreciation for movement—first from martial arts, then for ballet—became his passion. But support from his family and teachers paired with his desire and determination made it possible for Robert to excel. After years of hard work, the young man who was so inspired by a performance of Alvin Ailey's *Revelations* became the artistic director of the very company that motivated him. Today, under Robert's leadership, Alvin Ailey continues to represent the African American spirit through dance. Featuring illustrations brimming with vibrant color and swirling motion, this biographical picture book from husband-and-wife team James Ransome and Lisa Cline-Ransome includes a foreword from Robert Battle himself as well as a bibliography, suggested further reading, and an author's note.

**Dancing Through Minefields** Harper Collins

The television actress recounts her experiences as a contestant on "Dancing with the Stars," a program in which she participated in part as a way to showcase her Christian faith, and describes the lessons she learned facing its challenges.

My Journey B&H Publishing Group

Beauty is Experience is a collaboration between dancer/writer Emmaly Wiederholt and photographer Gregory Bartning. For more than two years, they collected interviews and photographs of dancers over age 50 along the West Coast. Spanning from Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area to Portland and Seattle, the culmination includes over 50 interviews with dancers ranging in age from 50 to 95, and ranging in practice from ballet and Argentine tango to African and

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contact improvisation.

*Dancing Through Darkness* FriesenPress

The bond between a mother and her child is the strongest in the natural world. So why would a young woman, dreaming of America, throw her newborn baby into the waves of the wild Atlantic ocean? Life in the Scottish Hebrides can be harsh - 'The Edge of the World' some call it. For Kirsty MacLeod, the love of Murdo promises a new life away from the scrape of the land and the repression of the church. But the Great War looms and the villages hold a grand Road Dance to send their young men off to battle. As the dancers swirl and sup, Kirsty is overpowered and raped by an unknown assailant. She hides her dark secret, fearful of what it will mean for her and the baby she is carrying. Only the embittered doctor, a man with a cold wife and a colder bed, suspects. On a fateful day of surging seas and swelling pain Kirsty learns that her love will never be back. Now she must make her choice and it is no choice at all. And the hunt for the baby's mother and his killer become one and the same.

Dancing on My Ashes Independently Published

One woman embarked on a dance journey around the world, finding out how each dance tells a story of its country and learning how beautiful life can be when you take the lead. If you could do anything you wanted, what would it be? Aliénor Salmon was working as a happiness researcher in Bangkok when a friend asked her the question that turned life as she knew it on its heels. A novice dancer but experienced social researcher, the Franco-British Aliénor headed west from Bangkok to dance her way through Latin America. As she learns eighteen dances, each native to the countries she visits, she engages with esoteric customs, traditions, and cultures. Through conversations and arduous studio hours, she learns that every step, pivot, and shake thrums with an undeniable spirit of place. And that in a world where we are over-connected but increasingly disconnected from one another, dance offers an authentically human experience. One that allows her to develop tolerance, kindness, truth, and love by holding the hands of a stranger and gazing into their eyes for the time of a song. With her fearless and candid approach, Aliénor will inspire you to take the reins of your own life—and have some fun along the way. In this dance-travelogue, you'll learn the history and steps of dances like salsa, samba, and tango, enjoy a resplendent meditation on happiness and wanderlust, and receive a life-affirming answer to the question: How do I take the first step?

Black Ballerinas Tate Publishing

Sylvie dreams of being a prima ballerina. When the Franco-Prussian war begins in 1870, Sylvie is thrown into turmoil and tragedy. Sylvie must rely on the strength that ballet gives her in order to survive and achieve her goal.