The Ballet Companion: A Dancers Guide to the Technique, Traditions, and Joys of Ballet by Eliza Gaynor Minden

Possibly The Best Ballet Book Written

A New Classic for Today's Dancer

The Ballet Companion is a fresh, comprehensive, and thoroughly up-to-date reference book for the dancer. With 150 stunning photographs of ballet stars Maria Riccetto and Benjamin Millepied demonstrating perfect execution of positions and steps, this elegant volume brims with everything today's dance student needs, including:

- Practical advice for getting started, such as selecting a school, making the most of class, and studio etiquette
- Explanations of ballet fundamentals and major training systems
- An illustrated guide through ballet class -- warm-up, barre, and center floor
- Guidelines for safe, healthy dancing through a sensible diet, injury prevention, and cross-training with yoga and Pilates
- Descriptions of must-see ballets and glossaries of dance, music, and theater terms

Along the way you'll find technique secrets from stars of American Ballet Theatre, lavishly illustrated sidebars on ballet history, and tips on everything from styling a ballet bun to stage makeup to performing the perfect pirouette. Whether a budding ballerina, serious student, or adult returning to ballet, dancers will find a lively mix of ballet's time-honored traditions and essential new information.

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My Personal Review:

This book is perhaps the most comprehensive ballet guide out there. It discusses everything you could ever want to know about ballet. I bought it for my daughter who is a beginner pointe student, but I'm reading it just as much as her (or maybe even more) because it's such a helpful reference guide for parents. I especially appreciate the information on nutrition and dancer health. My daughter likes the photographs of the professional
dancers demonstrating the basic ballet positions and steps. She also likes the ballet glossary. If your daughter is serious about ballet or just thinking about taking pointe class for the first time, this book is a must-have. I also highly recommend the Technical Manual and Dictionary of Classical Ballet for more ballet definitions and terminology.

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