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## Rudolf Nureyev

NOW A MAJOR FILM BY RALPH FIENNES, *THE WHITE CROW* 'A gripping account of an extraordinary life' *Daily Telegraph* Born on a train in Stalin's Russia, Rudolf Nureyev was ballet's first pop icon. No other dancer of our time has generated the same excitement - both on and off stage. Nureyev's achievements and conquests became legendary: he rose out of Tatar peasant poverty to become the Kirov's thrilling maverick star; slept with his beloved mentor's wife; defected to the West in 1961; sparked Rudimania across the globe; established the most rhapsodic partnership in dance history with the middle-aged Margot Fonteyn; reinvented male technique; gatecrashed modern dance; moulded new stars; and staged Russia's unknown ballet masterpieces in the West. He and his life were simply astonishing. 'Magnificent, a triumph. Captures every facet of this extraordinary man' *Mail on Sunday* 'The definitive study of a man who, in his combination of aesthetic grace and psychological grime, can truly be called a sacred monster' *Observer* 'Undoubtedly the definitive biography' *Sunday Telegraph*

## Dancer

The National Book Award-winning author's biographical novel of Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev: "Exuberant and exhilarating . . . a brilliant leap of imagination" (*San Francisco Chronicle*). In *Dancer*, Colum McCann tells the ballet icon's story through the myriad voices of those who knew him. There is Anna Vasileva, Rudi's first ballet teacher, who rescues her protégé from the stunted life of his provincial town; Yulia, whose sexual and artistic ambitions are thwarted by her Soviet-sanctioned marriage; and Victor, the Venezuelan street hustler, who reveals the lurid underside of the gay celebrity set. Spanning four decades and many worlds, from the horrors of the Second World War to the wild abandon of New York in the '80s, *Dancer* is peopled by a large cast of characters, obscure and famous: doormen and shoemakers, nurses and translators, Margot Fonteyn, Eric Bruhn, and John Lennon. And at the heart of the spectacle stands the artist himself, willful, lustful, and driven by a never-to-be-met need for perfection.

## Rudolf Nureyev

From the critically acclaimed *Little People*, *BIG DREAMS* series, discover the life of Rudolf Nureyev, one of the greatest male ballet dancers of all time. Rudolf fell in love with dance as a child. But he was not allowed to go to ballet school until he was 17. There, he had to make up for lost time and hone his skills to compete with the other dancers. As a professional, he dazzled audiences with sensational performances and

star power. He went on to become a world-renowned choreographer and master of perfection in dance. This inspiring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the dancer's life. Little People, BIG DREAMS is a best-selling series of books and educational games that explore the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream. This empowering series offers inspiring messages to children of all ages, in a range of formats. The board books are told in simple sentences, perfect for reading aloud to babies and toddlers. The hardcover versions present expanded stories for beginning readers. Boxed gift sets allow you to collect a selection of the books by theme. Paper dolls, learning cards, matching games, and other fun learning tools provide even more ways to make the lives of these role models accessible to children. Inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with Little People, BIG DREAMS!

## **The Real Nureyev**

A backstage memoir takes an intimate look at the complicated life, endless search for perfection, and outrageous experiences of one of ballet's greatest icons and heroes.

## **Capturing Nureyev**

A well-known American artist reveals the grace and grandeur of a famed dancer.

## **Nureyev, His Life**

Traces the legendary Russian dancer's climb out of poverty in the war-torn Soviet Union to become one of the century's most popular and influential artists. In order to separate reality from myth, the author draws on Soviet archives, family documents, diaries, correspondence, and about 200 interviews with his friends, peers, family, partners and professional colleagues. She takes us inside the great companies and shows how Nureyev changed the face of ballet and transformed the role of the male dancer. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

## **Nureyev**

Following an unorthodox first meeting in London in 1964, Patricia Boccadoro subsequently got to know Rudolf Nureyev on a personal basis. In this amusing, informative book, she recounts how exciting it was to see him dance in those heady London years before giving a lucid account of his directorship of the Paris Opera Ballet.

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rules.

## **The Year with Rudolf Nureyev**

This searing memoir takes an uncompromising look at the relationship between two artists: Rudolf Nureyev, one of the greatest male ballet dancers of the 20th century, and Rudi van Dantzig, a Dutch choreographer and ballet director.

## **Remembering Nureyev**

Nancy Sifton's eye witness account of the legendary dancer Rudolf Nureyev's 30-year career provides a \"must read\" for performing arts and biography buffs. An inside look at the incredible life of legendary dancer Rudolf Nureyev from an eye-witness account by dance enthusiast and writer Nancy Sifton. Having attended more than 1,000 Nureyev performances in her many travels over a 30-year period, the author documented her personal observations of Nureyev, both in rehearsal, onstage and off and his unique relationship with his many supporters who attended rehearsals, celebrated his birthdays, and provided assistance to accommodate his nonstop performing schedule. With humor and respect, her book educates, illuminates, and explains the many facets of this great dancer and the inspiring world of dance.

## **Memories of Rudolf Nureyev**

In the first full-scale biography of Rudolf Nureyev since his death from AIDS in 1993, Stuart tells Nureyev's story with wit and grace (Chicago Sun-Times). No dancer in history has been so splendidly characterized in the written word.--Francis Mason, Ballet Review. of photos.

## **Perpetual Motion**

Using many never-before-seen papers and letters and unprecedented interviews with dancers, family, friends and lovers, Julie Kavanagh tells how the little boy who was born on a train in Siberia at the beginning of World War II grew up to become one of the greatest male ballet stars ever.

## **Rudolf Nureyev**

The turbulent story of one of Britain's most famous concert halls.

## **Covent Garden**

In questa opera l'autore esprime tutta la sua vita attraverso testi poetici composti con profondità e intensità. Essa è dedicata all'amico Rudolf Nureyev con cui il Gardi ha trascorso momenti reali di confronto nella quotidianità e nella vita di tutti i giorni, potendo conoscere a fondo e nella più totale intimità la vera anima del ballerino di fama mondiale. I testi poetici trasmettono inoltre la storia della vita del Gardi attraverso poesie ricche di emozione, passione, romanticismo e allo stesso tempo di molto dolore e sofferenza. I testi poetici affrontano anche le tematiche dell'amore, della passione e della gioia. Un'opera che sicuramente saprà entrare nelle menti e nei cuori di tutti i lettori, soprattutto di tutte quelle persone che non hanno avuto una vita semplice e hanno sofferto sia in amore, sia in famiglia. La scelta di pubblicare il testo in lingua inglese è dovuta al fatto che l'autore vuole raggiungere i lettori di tutti i paesi del Mondo, per diffondere la storia e le emozioni che hanno caratterizzato il sincero e vero rapporto di amicizia tra Sandro Gardi e l'amico eterno Rudolf Nureyev.

## **Dedicated to my friend Rudolf Nureyev**

## **Nureyev**

Rudolf Nureyev had it all: beauty, genius, charm, passion, and sex appeal. No other dancer of our time has generated the same excitement, for both men and women, on or off the stage. With *Nureyev: The Life*, Julie Kavanagh shows how his intense drive and passion for dance propelled him from a poor, Tatar-peasant background to the most sophisticated circles of London, Paris, and New York. His dramatic defection to the West in 1961 created a Cold War crisis and made him an instant celebrity, but this was just the beginning. Nureyev spent the rest of his life breaking barriers: reinventing male technique, “crashing the gates” of modern dance, iconoclastically updating the most hallowed classics, and making dance history by partnering England’s prima ballerina assoluta, Margot Fonteyn--a woman twice his age. He danced for almost all the major choreographers--Frederick Ashton, George Balanchine, Kenneth MacMillan, Jerome Robbins, Maurice Béjart, Roland Petit--his main motive, he claimed, for having left the Kirov. But Nureyev also made it his mission to stage Russia’s full-length masterpieces in the West. His highly personal productions of *Swan Lake*, *The Nutcracker*, *Raymonda*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *La Bayadère* are the mainstays of the Paris Opéra Ballet repertory to this day. An inspirational director and teacher, Nureyev was a Diaghilev-like mentor to young protégés across the globe--from Karen Kain and Monica Mason (now directors themselves), to Sylvie Guillem, Elisabeth Platel, Laurent Hilaire and Kenneth Greve. Sex, as much as dance, was a driving force for Nureyev. From his first secret liaison in Russia to his tempestuous relationship with the great Danish dancer Erik Bruhn, we see not only Nureyev’s notorious homosexual history unfold, but also learn of his profound effect on women--whether a Sixties wild child or Jackie Kennedy and Lee Radziwill or the aging Marlene Dietrich. Among the first victims of AIDS, Nureyev was diagnosed HIV positive in 1984 but defied the disease for nearly a decade, dancing, directing the Paris Opéra Ballet, choreographing, and even beginning a new career as a conductor. Still making plans for the future, Nureyev finally succumbed and died in January 1993. Drawing on previously undisclosed letters, diaries, home-movie footage, interviews with Nureyev’s inner circle, and her own dance background, Julie Kavanagh gives the most intimate, revealing, and dramatic picture we have ever had of this dazzling, complex figure. NOTE: This edition does not include photos.

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A biography of Rudolf Nureyev, the danseur who changed forever the male dancer's role in ballet.

## **Rudolf Nureyev**

Charles Pierce (1926-1999) was an internationally known and highly successful female impersonator, known for his vivid portrayals of Bette Davis, Katherine Hepburn, and Mae West. This book offers a candid look at a career that spanned over fifty years from his humble start at the Pasadena Playhouse, to his sold-out shows in San Francisco. Told by longtime friend John Wallraff, and complete with humor, juicy stories of love, lust, sex, and Charles Pierce's own words, this book sculpts an intimate portrait of the man behind the make-up.

## **From Drags to Riches**

Ken Russell has made some of the most daring, disturbing, and beautifully photographed films of all time. Drawing from a wealth of historic and literary references, Russell's subjects are astounding: deranged Ursuline nuns in a 17th-century French province, the inner demons of Mary Shelley and Lord Byron, the sexual angst of Tchaikovsky, the emotionally drained life of Rudolph Valentino, the messianism of a pinball wizard, the fury of lesbian vampires, the introspections of prostitutes. Russell's movies offer not just brazen sensationalism but food for thought; they horrify yet inspire. And through it all, Russell maintains a simultaneously impish and intellectual sense of humor. The first full biography of the director, *Phallic Frenzy* is far from a dry, film-by-film analysis. It shows how Russell's real life has often been as engaging and vibrant as his film scenarios. Here you'll learn how Alan Bates and Oliver Reed compared their penis sizes

for the nude wrestling scene in *Women in Love*; how Russell disfigured Paddy Chayevsky's script for *Altered States* by having the actors holler out the lines as fast as possible, accompanied by spewed food and streams of spittle; and how Russell was slated to direct *Evita*, starring Liza Minnelli, and the "creative differences" that ensued. A madcap tale full of wild ideas, surreal situations, and a cavalcade of colorful personalities, *Phallic Frenzy* is as thrilling a ride as any Ken Russell film.

## **Phallic Frenzy**

This is a comprehensive history of the American dance troupe, the Joffrey Ballet, and a portrait of Robert Joffrey, the creative personality who inspired it. Written in anecdotal style, the book probes the complex relationship which exists between a culture and its artists.

## **The Joffrey Ballet**

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## **The Dancer Who Flew**

Now, for the first time, *Perpetual Motion* shows us the two sides of Nureyev - public and private - as they have never been seen before.

## **Perpetual Motion**

That ongoing, barely under control drama known as Marlon Brando--Hollywood's Ultimate Bad Boy, Megastar, and Sexual Outlaw--with a special focus on his early rise to fame and his social and sexual associations with the A-list legends of the 40s, 50s, and 60s. *Brando Unzipped* is the definitive gossip guide to the late, great actor's life --New York Daily News. Lurid, raunchy, perceptive, and certainly worth reading, it's one of the best show-biz biographies of the year. --London's Sunday Times. *Brando Unzipped* received an Honorable Mention from Foreword Magazine in its Book of the Year competition, and it won a Silver Ippy award for Best Biography from the Independent Publisher's Association.

## **Brando Unzipped**

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## **A Year with Rudolf Nureyev**

The story of Russian emigres in Hollywood and the depiction of Russians in Hollywood films

## **Russians in Hollywood, Hollywood's Russians**

The Advocate is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

## **The Advocate**

The Ballet Lover exposes the beauty and cruelty of ballet, the performances, the back stage moments, and the personal dramas of the famous ballet dancers Rudolf Nureyev and Natalia Makarova as seen through the eyes of an American female journalist. Paris, 1970s: the orchestra plays the first ominous note of Swan Lake. In the audience sits Geneva, an American journalist and ballet lover, waiting for the heart-stopping beauty and seduction of the romantic duet to start, but instead she witnesses Rudolf Nureyev failing to catch his Russian partner Natalia Makarova, allowing her to fall with a crash upon the stage. Geneva interprets the fall as an act of cruelty, a man with all the fame and power in the world brutally letting fall his delicate, wraith-like artistic partner. When other critics defend Nureyev and accuse Makarova of causing her own tumble, Geneva vows revenge on the page, creating havoc in her own career and discovering surprising parallels between herself and the fallen ballerina. The Ballet Lover is a refined, mesmerizing, fictional account of two of the most celebrated dancers in the dance world, how one compromised the other, and how the drama on the stage often mirrors those played out in real life.

## **Rudy Nureyev**

The Advocate is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) monthly newsmagazine. Established in 1967, it is the oldest continuing LGBT publication in the United States.

## **The Ballet Lover**

In this book from the critically acclaimed, multimillion-copy best-selling Little People, BIG DREAMS series, discover the life of Bruce Lee, the martial artist and Hollywood film star. Born in San Francisco but raised in Hong Kong, Bruce Lee was the child star of Hong Kong cinema. But, after getting into trouble as a teenager, his father sent him to live in America. Starring roles were hard to come by for Asian-American actors in Hollywood, but Bruce went on to act in blockbuster hits, featuring his skill as a martial artist. This inspiring book features stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, including a biographical timeline with historical photos and a detailed profile of the great actor's life. Little People, BIG DREAMS is a best-selling biography series for kids that explores the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists and activists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream. This empowering series of books offers inspiring messages to children of all ages, in a range of formats. The board books are told in simple sentences, perfect for reading aloud to babies and toddlers. The hardcover and paperback versions present expanded stories for beginning readers. With rewritten text for older children, the treasuries each bring together a multitude of dreamers in a single volume. You can also collect a selection of the books by theme in boxed gift sets. Activity books and a journal provide even more ways to make the lives of these role models accessible to children. Inspire the next generation of outstanding people who will change the world with Little People, BIG DREAMS!

## **The Advocate**

Clive Barnes has followed the meteoric development of Russian ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev's career over several continents from the very first days of his defection on June 17, 1961. Throughout his legendary partnership with Margot Fonteyn, through ceaseless travels, and countless performances, his bold, innovative, artistic accomplishments, the dancer achieved worldwide fame and restored the male dancer to a new prominence. Barnes examines in depth Nureyev's versatile talent, equally at ease performing, directing, choreographing, and acting in films and TV. Nureyev also explored modern dance and provided fresh insight into both modern and classical dance. Includes 32 pages of color and 150 black and white photos.

## **Bruce Lee**

Provides a comprehensive modern biographical survey of homosexuality in the Western world. Among those included are: \* controversial political activists - Peter Tatchell; Guy Hocquenghem; Harvey Milk \* pop icons - David Bowie; k d lang; Boy George \* groundbreaking artists, writers and filmmakers - Pier Paolo Pasolini; Derek Jarman; David Hockney \* intellectuals who have shaped and changed the modern understanding of sexuality - Michel Foucault; Simone de Beauvoir; Alfred Kinsey \* over 500 entries - clear, informative and enjoyable to read - build up a superbly thorough overview of gay and lesbian life in our time.

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## **Who's Who in Contemporary Gay and Lesbian History**

Reviews, news articles, interviews and essays capturing 100 years of art, architecture, literature, music, dance, theater, film and television.

## **The Dancer Who Flew**

LIFE Magazine is the treasured photographic magazine that chronicled the 20th Century. It now lives on at LIFE.com, the largest, most amazing collection of professional photography on the internet. Users can browse, search and view photos of today's people and events. They have free access to share, print and post images for personal use.

## **The New York Times Guide to the Arts of the 20th Century: 1900-1929**

Covering 2,500 years and celebrating a diverse range of individuals, a fascinating volume selects and ranks a vast array of writers, thinkers, artists, musicians, military leaders, politicians, and gay rights activists who have had a lasting impact on how gay men and lesbians define themselves. Reprint.

## **LIFE**

Friendships between women and gay men captivated the American media in the opening decade of the 21st century. John Portmann places this curious phenomenon in its historical context, examining the changing

social attitudes towards gay men in the postwar period and how their relationships with women have been portrayed in the media. As women and gay men both struggled toward social equality in the late 20th century, some women understood that defending gay men – who were often accused of effeminacy – was in their best interest. Joining forces carried both political and personal implications. Straight women used their influence with men to prevent bullying and combat homophobia. Beyond the bureaucratic fray, women found themselves in transformed roles with respect to gay men – as their mothers, sisters, daughters, caregivers, spouses, voters, employers and best friends. In the midst of social hostility to gay men during the AIDS crisis of the 1980s and 1990s, a significant number of gay women volunteered to comfort the afflicted and fight reigning sexual values. Famous women such as Elizabeth Taylor and Barbra Streisand threw their support behind a detested minority, while countless ordinary women did the same across America. Portmann celebrates not only women who made the headlines but also those who did not. Looking at the links between the women's liberation and gay rights movements, and filled with concrete examples of personal and political relationships between straight women and gay men, *Women and Gay Men in the Postwar Period* is an engaging and accessible study which will be of interest to students and scholars of 20th- and 21st century social and gender history.

## **The Gay 100**

*Women and Gay Men in the Postwar Period*

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