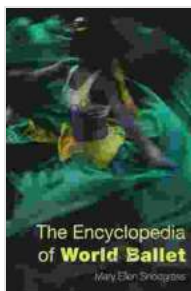


The Encyclopedia of World Ballet

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The encyclopedia is organized alphabetically by ballet title. Each entry includes the following information:

- A brief synopsis of the ballet
- The composer of the music
- The choreographer of the ballet
- The date of the ballet's premiere
- The original cast of the ballet
- A critical analysis of the ballet

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The History of Ballet

Ballet is a form of dance that originated in Italy in the 15th century. It was originally performed by noblemen and women as a form of entertainment. In the 17th century, ballet was introduced to France, where it became a popular form of court entertainment. The first professional ballet company, the Paris Opera Ballet, was founded in 1661.

In the 18th century, ballet began to spread throughout Europe. It became a popular form of entertainment in Russia, where it was influenced by the country's folk dances. In the 19th century, ballet was introduced to the United States, where it quickly became a popular form of entertainment.

Today, ballet is performed all over the world. It is a popular form of dance for both professionals and amateurs. There are many different styles of ballet, including classical ballet, romantic ballet, and contemporary ballet.

The Elements of Ballet

Ballet is a complex art form that requires a combination of physical strength, flexibility, and grace. The basic elements of ballet include:

- **Point work:** Dancing on the tips of the toes
- **Turns:** Rotating on one or both feet
- **Jumps:** Leaping into the air

- **Balancé:** Balancing on one leg
- **Port de bras:** Moving the arms

These basic elements are combined to create a variety of different dance steps and sequences. Ballet dancers must have a strong understanding of the basic elements of ballet in order to perform complex dance routines.

The World's Most Famous Ballets

There are many different ballets that have become famous around the world. Some of the most famous ballets include:

- **Swan Lake** by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- **The Sleeping Beauty** by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- **Giselle** by Adolphe Adam
- **Don Quixote** by Ludwig Minkus
- **Romeo and Juliet** by Sergei Prokofiev

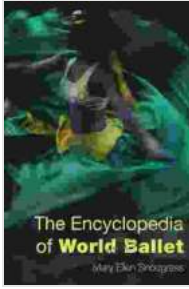
These ballets are all considered to be masterpieces of the ballet repertoire. They are performed by ballet companies all over the world and are enjoyed by audiences of all ages.

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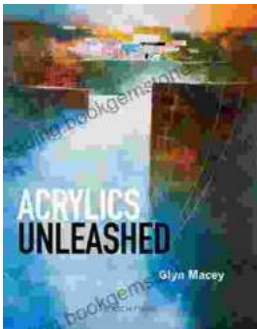
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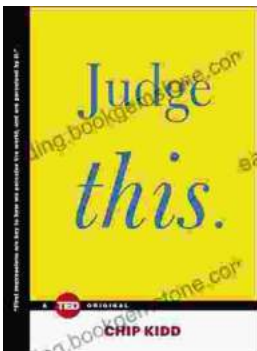


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