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*The Bloomsbury Companion to Dance Studies brings together leading international dance scholars in this single collection to provide a vivid picture of the state of contemporary dance research. The book commences with an introduction that privileges dancing as both a site of knowledge formation and a methodological approach, followed by a provocative overview of the methods and problems that dance studies currently faces as an established*

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*disciplinary field. The volume contains eleven core chapters that each map out a specific area of inquiry: Dance Pedagogy, Practice-As-Research, Dance and Politics, Dance and Identity, Dance Science, Screendance, Dance Ethnography, Popular Dance, Dance History, Dance and Philosophy, and Digital Dance. Although these sub-disciplinary domains do not fully capture the dynamic ways in which dance scholars work across multiple positions and perspectives, they reflect the major interests and innovations around which dance studies has organized its teaching and research. Therefore each author speaks to the labels, methods, issues and histories of each given category, while also exemplifying this scholarship in action. The dances*

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*under investigation range from experimental conceptual concert dance through to underground street dance practices, and the geographic reach encompasses dance-making from Europe, North and South America, the Caribbean and Asia. The book ends with a chapter that looks ahead to new directions in dance scholarship, in addition to an annotated bibliography and list of key concepts. The volume is an essential guide for students and scholars interested in the creative and critical approaches that dance studies can offer.*

*This book brings attention to the interface of psychotherapy and psychological theory with the somatic practices of bodywork and movement therapy. To offer a client only*

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*psychotherapy, or only bodywork may subtly or directly reinforce the body-mind split from which so many of us suffer; in some cases this will be a reinforcement of a dilemma central to the client's problems. Hartley views body psychotherapy and transpersonal psychotherapy as building bridges between the once separated processes of psyche, soma, and spirit. Today the emerging field of somatic psychology is also contributing to the expanded field of psychology a subtle differentiation of bodymind process, developed through almost a century and a half of research and practice in somatic therapy and education. Originally trained as a dancer, movement therapist and bodywork practitioner, Hartley continues to use movement and somatic*

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*process as an important foundation for her own work. Training in Dance Movement Therapy, the transpersonal psychotherapy of Psychosynthesis, and Process-Oriented Psychology have further deepened Hartley's awareness of the relationships between psyche, soma and spirit, and the need to respond to all levels of experience in therapeutic work.*

*In this book, Shay Welch expands on the contemporary cognitive thinking-in-movement framework, which has its roots in the work of Maxine Sheets-Johnstone but extends and develops within contemporary embodied cognition theory. Welch believes that dance can be used to ask questions, and this book offers a method of how critical*

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*inquiry can be embodied. First, she presents the theoretical underpinnings of what this process is and how it can work; second, she introduces the empirical method as a tool that can be used by movers for the purpose of doing embodied inquiry. Exploring the role of embodied cognition and embodied metaphors in mining the body for questions, Welch demonstrates how to utilize movement to explore embodied practices of knowing. She argues that our creative embodied movements facilitate our ability to bodily engage in critical analysis about the world.*

*Studying Dance: A Guide for Campus and Beyond is a comprehensive bridge for students transitioning into the first year of a college dance program. Through this text, students*

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*will understand dance in new and exciting ways, embrace it as an academic discipline, navigate and take charge of their dance education, and visualize potential careers after graduation. Studying Dance: A Guide for Campus and Beyond opens students' eyes to all the artistic, cultural, and educational aspects of dance. By expanding their thinking, students will move to a deeper understanding of themselves as dancers and the world around them. The author demystifies the entire first-year experience while guiding students in the discovery of dance as a multifaceted discipline. Students will examine academic expectations, time management, the importance of staying focused, and balancing school and life. They will delve into the various*

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*areas of dance and a range of careers and paths available to them. They will learn the differences in types of college dance courses, the approaches used, and how to personalize their dance education through individualized instructional opportunities and peer collaboration. The text also will prompt students to visualize and plan their dance lives beyond campus so they can set clear goals for studying and succeeding as young professionals. Studying Dance: A Guide for Campus and Beyond contains many student-friendly features:*

- 15 easy-to-digest chapters provide the rules of the road that lead to a successful freshman year and future career*
- 49 interviews with current dance students, recent graduates, and dance professionals encourage*



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*students to reflect on and take charge of their learning •  
Web resource with learning activities, glossary lists, web  
links, and other tools personalize each student's journey  
through the content With this text, teachers can help students  
expand their thinking about dance in ways that will lead to  
success on campus and beyond.*

*Body, Mind and Meaning*

*Sensing and Shaping from Within*

*The Place of Dance*

*Soul and Spirit in Dance Movement Psychotherapy*

*Dance and Neuroscience in Conversation*

*Principles and Practices for Performers and Teachers*

*Somatic Psychology*

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This book offers new ways of thinking about dance-related artworks that have taken place in galleries, museums and biennales over the past two decades as part of the choreographic turn. It focuses on the concept of intersubjectivity and theorises about what happens when subjects meet within a performance artwork. The resulting relations are crucial to instances of performance art in which embodied subjects engage as spectators, participants and performers in orchestrated art events. *Choreographing Intersubjectivity in Performance Art* deploys a multi-disciplinary approach across dance choreography and evolving manifestations of performance

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art. An innovative, overarching concept of choreography sustains the idea that intersubjectivity evolves through places, spaces, performance and spectatorship. Drawing upon international examples, the book introduces readers to performance art from the South Pacific and the complexities of de-colonising choreography. Artists Tino Sehgal, Xavier Le Roy, Jordan Wolfson, Alicia Frankovich and Shigeyuki Kihara are discussed. Presents best practices for faculty and administrators developing globally-connected courses, including learning objectives, collaborative assignments, and logistical planning As political instability, pandemic risks, rising

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costs, new requirements for experiential learning, and other factors make it increasingly difficult for students to study abroad, there is growing interest in globalizing and internationalizing the curricula of colleges and universities worldwide. The Wiley Handbook of Collaborative Online Learning and Global Engagement is designed to help educators develop and conduct high-impact, globally-connected courses across the humanities, the fine arts, and the social and natural sciences. This comprehensive guide covers collaborative practices, course design variables, student learning approaches, logistical planning, and more. An international team of

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contributors from diverse geographic, cultural, and academic backgrounds offer insight into enhancing pedagogical practice, coordinating study abroad experiences, and promoting both students' and faculty's global competencies. Throughout the text, numerous real-world case studies, interactive and experiential assignments, sample syllabi, course bibliographies, and links to web and media resources reinforce best practices for course design, learning objectives, and pedagogy development. Based on a detailed assessment of 500 students in collaborative courses across 14 countries, this innovative guide: Covers co-development of learning

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objectives across different courses, disciplines and cultural contexts, co-ordination of course content, technology, and resources, and intercultural learning assessment Explores new and innovative ways to engage students in distant locations in collaborative learning Provides advice for overcoming logistical challenges, managing group dynamics, controlling costs, and implementing connected courses with limited resources Discusses the impact globally-connected courses have on cultural curiosity, knowledge, strategy, and behavior Offers approaches for addressing cultural transgressions and miscommunication, and for collaborating with other

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faculty members across cultures and educational systems  
Featuring multiple cultural perspectives and international contexts, *The Wiley Handbook of Collaborative Online Learning and Global Engagement* is a valuable guide and reference for faculty and administrators involved in teaching, planning, implementing, or assessing courses with global learning outcomes.

In *Mindful Movement*, exercise physiologist, somatic therapist, dance educator and advocate Martha Eddy uses original interviews, case studies and practice-led research to define the origins of a new holistic field – somatic movement education and therapy – and its impact on

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fitness, ecology, politics, health, education and performance. The book reveals the role dance has played in informing and inspiring the historical and cultural narrative of somatic arts – approaches to consciousness based in the awareness of the soma, the living body. Providing an overview of the antecedents and recent advances in somatic study and with contributions by diverse experts, Eddy highlights the role of Asian movement, the European physical culture movement as well as the language of neuroscience and their relationship to the performing arts, and female perspectives in developing somatic movement, somatic dance, social



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somatics, somatic fitness, somatic dance and spirituality, and ecosomatics. Mindful Movement unpacks and helps to popularize awareness of both the body and the mind. Using a contemporary synthesis of Jungian and Post-Jungian imaginal perspectives, animate ecological phenomenology, somatics and recent scholarship in dance movement and progressive spiritualities, this unique book discusses how the promotion of a fluid relationship between imagination and movement can bring the mover back into relationship with soul and spirit. This connection with soul and spirit is considered as an essential and powerful resource in mental health. The

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book provides a rich digest of theory and produces a clear framework for the application of transpersonal theories to Dance Movement Psychotherapy (DMP) practice, writing and research, illustrating the use and value of transpersonal perspectives through detailed case studies. Providing spiritual, soulful and mythological perspectives on DMP rooted in theory and practice, this book will be essential reading for dance movement psychotherapists, drama psychotherapists, expressive arts therapists, and dance movement psychotherapy students, drama psychotherapy students and arts therapy students. A Somatic Curriculum for Teaching Body-Mind

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Awareness, Kinesthetic Intelligence, and Social and  
Emotional Skills--50 Activities in Somatic Movement  
Education

Stress-Relieving Exercises for Strengthening the Mind-  
Body Connection and Sparking Emotional and Physical  
Healing

The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Competition

A Guidebook for Creating Somatic Movement Practices

Mindful Movement: The Evolution of the Somatic Arts  
and Conscious Action

Somatics in Action

Dancing with Dharma

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Release tension, boost your mood, and heal from traumatic experiences with therapist-approved activities in this easy-to-use guide to somatic therapy. The effects of a traumatic event are more than just mental. Trauma can manifest in the body as well as cause chronic pain, sluggishness, and even depressed mood. Somatic psychology is an alternative therapy that analyzes this mind-body connection and helps you release pent-up tension and truly heal from past trauma. The Somatic Psychology Workbook offers a primer to this life-changing approach as a means for personal growth, designed for beginners or those already using somatic techniques in their current therapeutic process. This safe and approachable look at somatic psychology includes:

- journal exercises
- body-centered prompts for personal

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inquiry - movement exercises - real-life experiments Readers will come away with a new ability to process and accept their emotions and an understanding of how to live a somatically-oriented and embodied life.

Dance and Somatics Mind-body Principles of Teaching and Performance McFarland

Somatics, Movement and Embodiment \* What does it actually mean to embody an idea or an action? \* What has somatic practice to offer the teaching and development of modern dance? \* How can an investigation of our embodied movement open up the possibility of making new choices - on an individual, social, cultural or political level? \* How can somatic practice be used to open up intercultural dialogue? \* How can embodied art exist alongside social and religious

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practice?

Training in somatic techniques—holistic body-centered movement that promotes awareness and well-being—provides an effective means of improving dance students' efficiency and ease of movement. However, dance educators do not always have the resources to incorporate this knowledge into their classes. This volume explains the importance of somatics, introduces fundamental somatic principles that are central to the dance technique class, and offers tips on incorporating these principles into a dance curriculum. The authors demystify somatic thinking by explaining the processes in terms of current scientific research. By presenting both a philosophical approach to teaching as well as practical

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instruction tools, this work provides a valuable guide to somatics for dance teachers of any style or level. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

The Routledge Companion to Dance Studies

A Guide for Campus and Beyond

Undergraduate Research in Dance

Motor Learning and Control for Dance

Dance and the Quality of Life

Moving Consciously

Presenting a rich mosaic of embodied contemporary narratives in spirituality and movement studies, this book explicitly studies the relationship between spirituality and

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the field of Somatic Movement Dance Education. It is the first scholarly text to focus on contemporary spirituality within the domain of dance and somatic movement studies. Dance, Somatics and Spiritualities brings together prominent authors and practitioners in order to elucidate how a wide range of sacred narratives/spiritualities are informing pedagogy, educational and therapeutic practice. As well as providing new insights and promoting creative/artistic awareness, this seminal text de-mystifies the spiritual/sacred and brings clarity and academic visibility to this largely uncharted and often misrepresented subject.



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As dance training evolves and becomes more complex, knowledge of motor behavior is foundational in helping dancers learn and master new skills and become more efficient in integrating the skills. Motor Learning and Control for Dance is the first resource to address motor learning theory from a dance perspective. Educators and students preparing to teach will learn practical ways to connect the science behind dance to pedagogy in order to prepare dancers for performance. Dancers interested in performance from the recreational to professional levels will learn ways to enhance their technical and artistic progress. In language accessible even to those with no science background, Motor Learning and Control

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for Dance showcases principles and practices for students, artists, and teachers. The text offers a perspective on movement education not found in traditional dance training while adding to a palette of tools and strategies for improving dance instruction and performance. Aspiring dancers and instructors will explore how to develop motor skills, how to control movement on all levels, and—most important—how motor skills are best taught and learned. The authors, noted experts on motor learning and motor control in the dance world, explore these features that appeal to students and instructors alike:

- Dance-specific photos, examples, and figures illustrate how to solve common problems various

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dance genres. • The 16 chapters prepare dance educators to teach dancers of all ages and abilities and support the development of dance artists and students in training and performance. • An extensive bibliography of sports and dance science literature allows teachers and performers to do their own research. • A glossary with a list of key terms at the back of the book. Part I presents an overview of motor behavior, covering motor development from birth to early adulthood. It provides the essential information for teaching posture control and balance, the locomotor skills underlying a range of complex dance skills, and the ballistic skills that are difficult to teach and learn, such as grand battement and

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movements in street dance. Part II explores motor control and how movement is planned, initiated, and executed. Readers will learn how the nervous system organizes the coordination of movement, the effects of anxiety and states of arousal on dance performance, how to integrate the senses into movement, and how speed and accuracy interact. Part III investigates methods of motor learning for dancers of all ages. Readers will explore how to implement a variety of instructional strategies, determine the best approaches for learning dance skills, and motivate and inspire dancers. This section also discusses how various methods of practice can help or hinder dancers,

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strategies for improving the recall of dance skills and sequences, and how to embrace somatic practice and its contribution to understanding imagery and motor learning. Motor Learning and Control for Dance addresses many related topics that are important to the discipline, such as imagery and improvisation. This book will help performers and teachers blend science with pedagogy to meet the challenge of artistry and technique in preparing for dance performance.

Never before has a greater variety of careers been available in dance—and never before has such comprehensive, expert guidance on those burgeoning careers been accessible in one book. Careers in Dance

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is a master guide that will help students navigate the expanding opportunities in dance and familiarize current professionals with potential career choices that best align with their pursuits and strengths. This highly practical text offers a wealth of information on career options in a variety of settings and with a variety of focuses, including commercial ventures, scholarly pursuits, administrative avenues, medical and scientific settings, and interdisciplinary opportunities. Readers are guided in discovering their deepest interests and learning how to translate their unique strengths into rich and fulfilling careers. In keeping with recent trends in higher education dance programs, Careers in Dance spotlights

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entrepreneurship and leadership opportunities for dancers, delving into an array of options and offering much-needed advice. The book covers some of the social and cultural influences that affect success in the field, and it explores various career opportunities: K-12 and postsecondary dance education Dance studios Performance, choreography, and production Dance research, analytical writing, and journalism Dance administration and advocacy Dance science, therapy, and medical and somatic practices Private competition companies Technical theater and related areas The text also helps readers understand the connections between dance and other disciplines. For example, it details the

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interdisciplinary opportunities involving technology, technical theater, and media. It also notes the possibilities for continued education in graduate school programs and suggests approaches to acclimating to life as a working professional. Careers in Dance offers two recurring elements throughout the book: Profiles of, and interviews with, esteemed professional dancers, revealing their real-world experiences and affording insights into different dance careers Reflection prompts that encourage self-reflection and prepare readers to seek career development and career advancement opportunities This text explores the opportunities dance students and professionals can pursue, helps them



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pinpoint their areas of interest and strengths, and equips them to create their unique paths to a fulfilling career in dance. In doing so, *Careers in Dance* provides the advice and strategies dancers need to actualize their own destinies in dance.

A guidebook for creating your own somatic movement practice, *Heal Through Dance* distills the essence of Arielle Star Triana's teachings for a worldwide audience. Designed for instructors, dancers and beginners interested in freeform movement, *Heal through Dance* celebrates physical embodiment within the context of the sacred feminine. Star as she is known to her students masterfully weaves together exercises known to heal

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trauma with ancient cultural practices ranging from Indian, Egyptian, and Hawaiian to Native American, Essene and Celtic. Heal through Dance is an invitation to become your own healer and an ecstatic dance facilitator. Let your dance become an embodied prayer through the layers of Earth, water, fire, love, SOUND, and light. Quotes from readers: "A work of beauty sourced from the stars." "The playlists for trance dance, tribal dance, and infinity dance are exquisite." "The alchemy you create in this work is that of a true healer."

Careers in Dance

Getting in Touch

Somatic Transformations through Dance, Yoga, and

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Touch

Practical and Strategic Guidance From the Field

Choreography as Embodied Critical Inquiry

A Guide To Getting Better Health: Somatics Dance

Dance, Somatics and Spiritualities

***Beginning Jazz Dance provides students with the context and the basic instruction they need in order to learn beginning jazz dance techniques and become more knowledgeable dancers. The web resource has 55 photos and video clips showing basic jazz dance technique.***

***Within the framework of the research project***

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*InnoLernenTanz at the Palucca University of Dance Dresden, in this book Jenny Coogan – professor of contemporary dance at the same institution – offers a forum in which she and guest authors consider questions such as: How are the parameters crucial to the understanding of contemporary dance, such as personal agency, actually embodied? How does the German system of dance education foster such parameters? How can somatic approaches contribute to encouraging dancers to experience their education from a first-person perspective of authority with enhanced self-reliance, self-reflection, and social*

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*consciousness? Practicing Dance: A Somatic Orientation includes accounts of field research, essays and interviews, as well as suggestions for studio practice that demonstrate the synergy between contemporary dance and the Feldenkrais Method. The range of perspectives offered invites critical reflection on methods to support young dance artists in embracing the twenty-first century challenges of professional performing careers.*

*The popularity of yoga and Zen meditation has heightened awareness of somatic practices. Individuals develop the conscious embodiment*

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*central to somatics work via movement and dance, or through touch from a skilled teacher or therapist often called a somatic bodyworker. Methods of touch and movement foster generative processes of consciousness in order to create a fluid interconnection between sensation, thought, movement, and expression. In Moving Consciously , Sondra Fraleigh gathers essays that probe ideas surrounding embodied knowledge and the conscious embodiment of movement and dance. Using a variety of perspectives on movement and dance somatics, Fraleigh and other contributors draw on scholarship and personal*

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*practice to participate in a multifaceted investigation of a thriving worldwide phenomenon. Their goal: to present the mental and physical health benefits of experiencing one's inner world through sensory awareness and movement integration. A stimulating addition to a burgeoning field, Moving Consciously incorporates concepts from East and West into a timely look at life-changing, intertwined practices that involve dance, movement, performance studies, and education. Contributors: Richard Biehl, Robert Bingham, Hillel Braude, Alison East, Sondra Fraleigh, Kelly Ferris Lester, Karin Rugman, Catherine*

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**Schaeffer, Jeanne Schul, and Ruth Way.**

**□ Based upon the author's lifetime practices as a dancer, poet and teacher, this innovative approach to developing body awareness focuses on achieving self-discovery and well-being through movement, mindfulness and writing. Written from a holistic (rather than dualistic) view of the mind-body duality, discussion and exercises draw on dance, psychology, neuroscience and meditation to guide personal exploration and creative expression.**

**A Somatic Guide to Dancing and Dance Making  
A Transpersonal Approach**



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***Mind-body Principles of Teaching and  
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***Contemporary Sacred Narratives***

***The Embodied Teen***

***The Wiley Handbook of Collaborative Online  
Learning and Global Engagement***

***A Mindful and Physical Conditioning Tool for  
Movers***

Western contemporary dance and body-mind education have engaged in a pas de deux for more than four decades. The rich interchange of Somatics and dance has altered both fields, but scholarship that substantiates these ideas through the findings of twentieth-century scientific advances has been missing. This book fills that gap and brings to light contemporary discoveries of

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neuroscience and somatic education as they relate to dance.

Drawing from the burgeoning field of “embodiment”—itself an idea at the intersection of the sciences, humanities, arts, and technologies—Body and Mind in Motion highlights the relevance of somatic education within dance education, dance science, and body-mind studies.

Time and time again the arts have been called on to provide respite and relief from fear, anxiety, and pain in clinical medicinal practices. As such, it is vital to explore how the use of the arts for emotional and mental healing can take place outside of the clinical realm. Healing Through the Arts for Non-Clinical Practitioners is an essential reference source that examines and describes arts-based interventions and experiences that support the healing process outside of the medical field. Featuring research on topics such as

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arts-based interventions and the use of writing, theatre, and embroidery as methods of healing, this book is ideally designed for academicians, non-clinical practitioners, educators, artists, and rehabilitation professionals.

This book examines the globalization of belly dance and the distinct dancing communities that have evolved from it. The history of belly dance has taken place within the global flow of sojourners, immigrants, entrepreneurs, and tourists from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century. In some cases, the dance is transferred to new communities within the gender normative structure of its original location in North Africa and the Middle East. Belly dance also has become part of popular culture's Orientalist infused discourse. The consequence of this discourse has been a global revision of the solo dances of North Africa and the Middle East into new genres that are

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still part of the larger belly dance community but are distinct in form and meaning from the dance as practiced within communities in North Africa and the Middle East.

"Doran George's *The Natural Body in Somatics Dance Training* examines the development of Somatics as it has been adopted by successive generations of practitioners since its early beginnings in the 1950s. The study elucidates the ways that Somatics has engaged globally with some of the various locales in which it was developed and practiced, both in terms of its relationships to other dance training programs in that region and to larger aesthetic and political values. The book thereby offers a cogent analysis of how training regimens can inculcate an embodied politics as they guide and shape the experience of bodily sensation, construct forms of reflexive evaluation of bodily action, and summon bodies into

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relationship with one another. Throughout it focuses on how the notion of a natural body was implemented and developed in Somatics' pedagogy"--

Shin Somatics Moving Way

Embodied Cognition and Creative Movement

The Guide to New Body-Centered Therapies

Writing and the Body in Motion

Recovering the Soma

Overcoming Mind/body Dualism Through Somatic Awareness and Dance

The Natural Body in Somatics Dance Training

*Covering such techniques as Hakomi, Dreambodywork, and The Moving Cycle, the founders of body-centered*

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*psychotherapy explain how they developed their methods, what happens during a therapy session, and who can best benefit from them. Original. Tour. IP.*

*The first book to offer a somatic movement education curriculum adapted to the unique needs of adolescents Susan Bauer presents a groundbreaking curriculum for teaching teens how to integrate body and mind, enhance kinesthetic intelligence, and develop the inner resilience they need to thrive, now and into adulthood. Designed for educators, therapists, counselors, and movement practitioners, The Embodied Teen presents a pioneering introductory, student-centered program in somatic*

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*movement education. Using the student's own body as the lab through which to learn self-care, injury prevention, body awareness, and emotional resilience, Bauer teaches basic embodiment practices that establish the foundation for further skill development in sports, dance, and leisure activities. Students learn the basics of anatomy and physiology, and unlearn self-defeating habits that impact body image and self-esteem. By examining their cultural perceptions, they discover their body prejudices, helping them to both respect diversity and gain compassion for themselves and others. Concise and accessible, the lessons presented in this book will empower teens as they*

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*navigate the volatile physical and emotional challenges they face during this vibrant, powerful stage of life.*

*Somatics describes any practice that uses the mind-body connection to help you survey your internal self and listen to signals your body sends about areas of pain, discomfort, or imbalance. These practices allow you to access more information about the ways you hold on to your experiences in your body. Your body adjusts for pain by relying on secondary muscles and connective tissues and by establishing compensatory movement patterns inside your body. These patterns if left unaddressed can lead to secondary injuries and permanent damage even*



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*after the initial pain or injury is gone! The lasting effects of pain can carry over into every area of your life. The unfortunate reality is that many people suffer unnecessarily from chronic pain and its far-reaching effects. With the right approach to body connectivity and movement therapy, you can live pain-free!*

*Based upon the author's lifetime practices as a dancer, poet and teacher, this innovative approach to developing body awareness focuses on achieving self-discovery and well-being through movement, mindfulness and writing. Written from a holistic (rather than dualistic) view of the mind-body duality, discussion and exercises draw on*

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*dance, psychology, neuroscience and meditation to guide  
personal exploration and creative expression.*

*Choreographing Intersubjectivity in Performance Art  
Exploring the Integration of Somatic Concepts Into the  
Teaching and Learning of Ballet*

*The Somatic Therapy Workbook*

*Essays on Movement and Dance in Western Buddhism*

*Mind-Body Principles of Teaching and Performance*

*A Guide for Students*

*Studying Dance*

***ABSTRACT OF THE THESIS Sensing and Shaping  
from Within: Exploring the Integration of Somatic***

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*Concepts into the Teaching and Learning of Ballet  
By Alana Rae Isiguen Master of Fine Arts in Dance  
University of California, Irvine, 2015 Professor  
Loretta Livingston, Chair This thesis research study  
examines how somatic thought can aid in the  
approach to, and execution of, classical ballet,  
specifically within American dance programs in  
higher education at the undergraduate level. This  
research also aims to further the discussion of the  
value of using somatics in training dance  
professionals. It adds to an existing body of  
knowledge of more helpful and healthy pedagogical*

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*ways in shaping dancers by treating the individual body and striving for wellness. A brief overview of three long standing somatic practices, The Alexander Technique, Laban Movement Analysis/Bartenieff Fundamentals, and Ideokinesis, provides background on foundations and principles: teaching awareness of self, placing attention on mind-body connectivity, and promoting efficiency in motion, breath, and body alignment. Also, a closer look at two examples of long-standing, high achieving BFA dance conservatory programs, The Juilliard School and The Boston Conservatory,*

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*demonstrate the utility of somatics in dance curricula. Lastly, this thesis research describes the workshop I undertook with undergraduate dance students at the University of California, Irvine exploring the application of somatic concepts to classical ballet. The pedagogical model was based on four somatic principles: breath, kinesthesia (internal sensing), connectivity, and initiation and intention, drawn from Dance and Somatics: Mind-Body Principles of Teaching and Performance, by Julie Brodie and Elin Lobel. Additionally, experiential anatomy was incorporated into the workshop*

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*through the work of Mabel Todd, Lulu Sweigard, and Irene Dowd. Emergent themes included a sense of community building amongst students, as well as empowerment within each as individual artists.*

*In the twenty-first century, values of competition underpin the free-market economy and aspirations of individual achievement shape the broader social world. Consequently, ideas of winning and losing, success and failure, judgment and worth, influence the dance that we see and do. Across stage, studio, street, and screen, economies of competition impact bodily aesthetics, choreographic strategies, and*

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*danced meanings. In formalized competitions, dancers are judged according to industry standards to accumulate social capital and financial gain. Within the capitalist economy, dancing bodies compete to win positions in prestigious companies, while choreographers hustle to secure funding and attract audiences. On the social dance floor, dancers participate in dance-offs that often include unspoken, but nevertheless complex, rules of bodily engagement. And the media attraction to the drama and spectacle of competition regularly plays out in reality television shows, film documentaries, and*

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*Hollywood cinema. Drawing upon a diverse collection of dances across history and geography, The Oxford Handbook of Dance and Competition asks how competition affects the presentation and experience of dance and, in response, how dancing bodies negotiate, critique, and resist the aesthetic and social structures of the competition paradigm. The Routledge Companion to Dance Studies maps out the key features of dance studies as the field stands today, while pointing to potential future developments. It locates these features both historically—within dance in particular social and*



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*cultural contexts—and in relation to other academic influences that have impinged on dance studies as a discipline. The editors use a thematically based approach that emphasizes that dance scholarship does not stand alone as a single entity, but is inevitably linked to other related fields, debates, and concerns. Authors from across continents have contributed chapters based on theoretical, methodological, ethnographic, and practice-based case studies, bringing together a wealth of expertise and insight to offer a study that is in-depth and wide-ranging. Ideal for scholars and upper-level students*

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*of dance and performance studies, The Routledge Companion to Dance Studies challenges the reader to expand their knowledge of this vibrant, exciting interdisciplinary field.*

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*intersection of Buddhism and dance. The contributors—scholars, choreographers and Buddhist masters—discuss movement, performance, ritual and theory, among other topics. The final section provides a variety of guided practices.*

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"Training in somatic techniques-- holistic body-centered movement that promotes psycho-physical awareness and well-being--provides an effective means of improving dance students' efficiency and ease of movement. By presenting a philosophical approach to teaching as well as practical instruction tools, this work provides a valuable guide to somatics for dance teachers of any style or level"--Provided by publisher.

This is the first volume devoted to the topic of dance and quality of life. Thirty-one chapters illuminate dance in relation to singular and overlapping themes of nature, philosophy, spirituality, religion, life span, learning, love, family, teaching, creativity, ability, socio-cultural identity,

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politics and change, sex and gender, wellbeing, and more. With contributions from a multi-generational group of artists, community workers, educators, philosophers, researchers, students and health professionals, this volume presents a thoughtful, expansive-yet-focused, and nuanced discussion of dance's contribution to human life. The volume will interest dance specialists, quality of life researchers, and anyone interested in exploring dance's contribution to quality of living and being.

The Place of Dance is written for the general reader as well as for dancers. It reminds us that dancing is our nature, available to all as well as refined for the stage.

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Andrea Olsen is an internationally known choreographer and educator who combines the science of body with creative practice. This workbook integrates experiential anatomy with the process of moving and dancing, with a particular focus on the creative journey involved in choreographing, improvising, and performing for the stage. Each of the chapters, or "days," introduces a particular theme and features a dance photograph, information on the topic, movement and writing investigations, personal anecdotes, and studio notes from professional artists and educators for further insight. The third in a trilogy of works about the body, including *Bodystories: A Guide to Experiential Anatomy and Body*

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and Earth: An Experiential Guide, The Place of Dance will help each reader understand his/her dancing body through somatic work, create a dance, and have a full journal clarifying aesthetic views on his or her practice. It is well suited for anyone interested in engaging embodied intelligence and living more consciously.

Undergraduate Research in Dance: A Guide for Students supplies tools for scaffolding research skills alongside examples of undergraduate research in dance scholarship. Dance can be studied as an expressive embodied art form with physical, cognitive, and affective domains, and as an integral part of society, history, and vast areas of interdisciplinary content. To this end, the

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guidance provided by this book will equip future dance professionals with the means to move the field of dance forward. Chapters 1–9 guide students through the fundamentals of research methods, providing a foundation to help students get started in understanding research protocols and processes. Students will learn skills such as how to choose a research topic, refine research questions, conduct literature reviews, cite sources, synthesize and analyze data, develop conclusions and results, and present their findings. Chapters 10–19 detail forms of undergraduate research in a rich diversity of fields within dance that are taught in many collegiate dance programs including dance



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therapy, history, science, psychology, education, and technology, in addition to public scholarship, choreography, and interdisciplinary topics. The book also includes a final chapter which provides annotated online resources, and many of its chapters are supported by examples of abstracts of capstone projects, senior theses, and conference presentations by undergraduate researchers across the United States. Suitable for both professors and students, *Undergraduate Research in Dance* is an ideal reference book for any course that has a significant opportunity for the creation of new knowledge, or as an essential interdisciplinary connection between dance and other disciplines.

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The Bloomsbury Companion to Dance Studies

Belly Dance, Pilgrimage and Identity

The Evolution of the Somatic Arts and Conscious Action

Awakening Voice through Somatic Practice

Healing Through the Arts for Non-Clinical Practitioners

Body and Mind in Motion

Learn the five steps of land to water

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crawling Sitting Front lying Side lying

and back floating While spending two

months meditating and practicing yoga in

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Baroda India, Sondra Fraleigh received her first inspirations about yoga based upon infant movement development and somatic principles. She consciously utilized this element in her creative use of yogabridging it with somatic movement education and intrinsic dancing. This unique new form of yogaLand to Water Yogamaintains yogas original intent of spiritual healing and awareness and offers a way to deepen clear seeing and a calm mind, urging one past his or her limited ego. It is based on five stages of infant

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development and the methods of Shin Somatics Moving Way. Its progression moves backward from the most complex movement in terms of balance to the least: from walking to floating (from land to water), providing the opportunity to retrace our personal human development back to its watery soma source. Progressing through these five primary stages may elicit surprising infant and childhood memories, which can heal trauma when one lets go of buried feelings. Peeling away social constructions via this innovative form of

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yoga, one can learn through curiosity and  
build skill with ease.