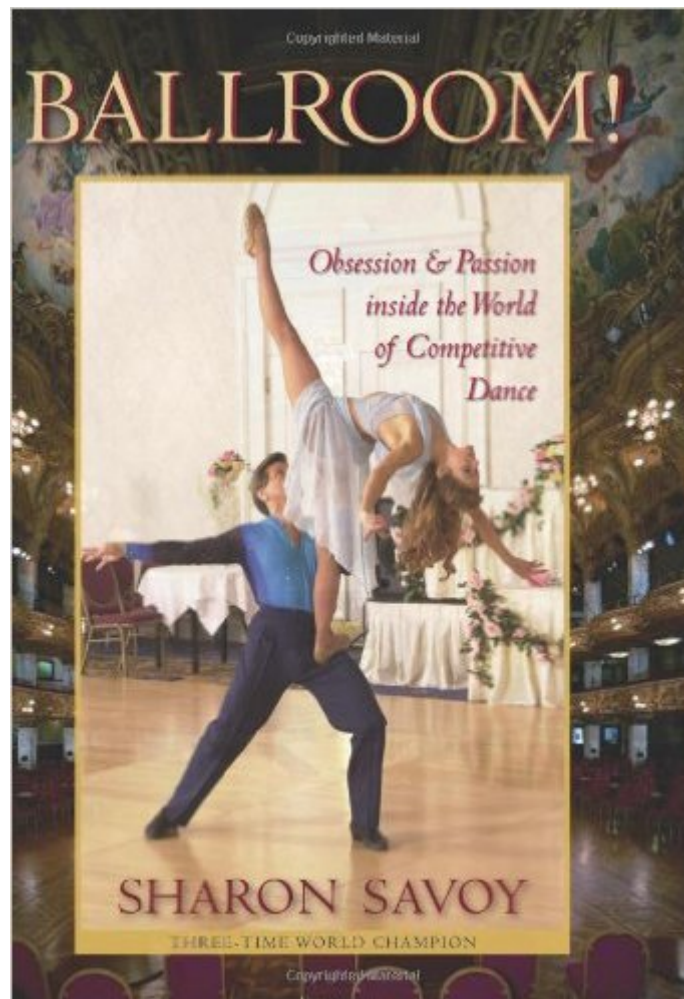


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# Ballroom!: Obsession And Passion Inside The World Of Competitive Dance



## Synopsis

“Gorgeous lines, exquisite beauty, and drama delight” and that is just in the dressing room. . . . Ballroom! takes the reader on an extraordinary journey moving with Sharon in and through her competitions and life as a performer. A great read and a glorious ride. • “Dance Track Magazine” “Offers an enlightening inside view of the politics, biases, stresses, and strategies that characterize the competitive ballroom dance scene. . . . Terps of all stripes will relate to Savoy’s struggles with partners, costumes, the development of choreographic ideas, musical choices, performance mishaps, and the extreme discipline required of professionals in all forms of dance. • “Backstage” “Originally trained as a professional ballet dancer under George Balanchine of the prestigious School of American Ballet, Savoy segued into the world of ballroom dancing after being sidelined with an ankle injury, and she never looked back. • “For the Love of Books” “An incredible story of what it takes to make it in our world of glitz and glamor. . . . Through reading this book, people will see dancers in a new light. • “Elena Grinenko, World and National Champion” “Reminds us all that passion and dedication will attract the circumstances and guidance necessary to see a heartfelt desire come true. • “Denis Tremblay, two-time winner, Blackpool Dance Festival, British Professional Rising Star Latin Championships” “A great story, told with emotion. • “John Kimmins, founder, National Dance Council of America --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Ms. Savoy certainly has the bona fides, as a multi-year champion in Adagio (Theatre Arts) at, among other places, the Blackpool Dance Festival. This slim book is an excellent introduction to

competitive DanceSport. It does not cover in detail the sort of dancing that produces the current "stars" of ballroom - the professionals serving the various "Strictly Come Dancing" and "Dancing with the Stars" franchises - but has the unmistakable authenticity you can only produce by having been there and done that. "Ballroom!" is a personal story, but also a guide to competition dancing. If you enjoy televised dancing and would like to know more about the professionals' experience, this is a great place to start.

Sharon Savoy has mesmerized audiences with her magnificent dancing. Her book tells the story of her dance journey and is a must read for competitive ballroom dancers or those that just once want to feel like Ginger Rogers and Cinderella. She brings Blackpool, the most prestigious competition of all, to life for those of us who's dance journey may not have gotten there, yet...Absolutely loved it!

Miss Savoy gives us a very entertaining look at her experiences in the world of competitive ballroom dancing and especially adagio dancing that she has most experience with. I found the book very interesting and enjoyable but I think it does not show a lot of the strict competition of international style dancing that most people will encounter if they look for competitions on youtube and perhaps other sources. I think this book will be even more enjoyable if read in combination with *Dance With Me: Ballroom Dancing and the Promise of Instant Intimacy* [Hardcover] [2011] Julia A. Ericksen which gives more perspective on other aspects of the ballroom competitive dancing experience. Both books read in tandem will give a much more complete picture.

For those interested in learning about the lifestyle of a dancer, then this is the book for you. Sharon provides insights into the training involved and her experiences at Blackpool. She also gives details on the affect of dancing on her personal life. It truly is a great book for those that was a more in depth look into ballroom dancing.

The Sharon Savoy , Ballroom Obsession Book was Excellent and very pleasant Reading on the life of Dance and Sharon Savoy. . Keith D. Willshire LISTD,FFATD

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