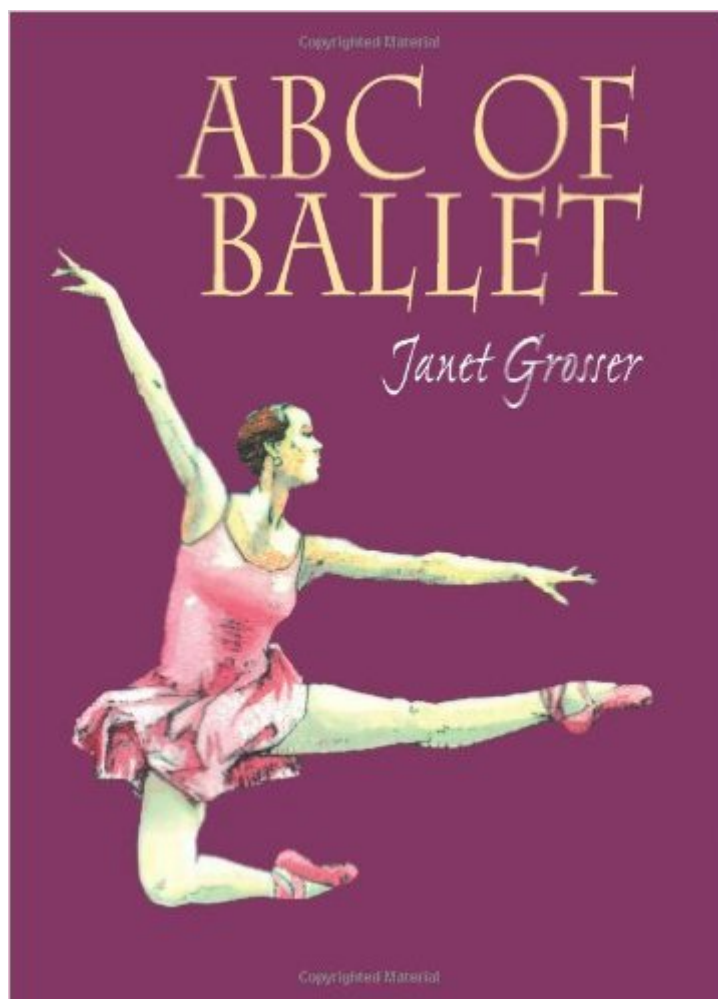


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# ABC Of Ballet



## Synopsis

This concise little book provides a clearly worded and abundantly illustrated introduction to the language and positions of classical ballet. Beginning with the five basic foot positions, it fully defines and describes in alphabetical order more than 40 ballet-related terms from adagio, allegro, and arabesque to tour en l'aire, tutu, and variation. The precise, easy-to-follow text is accompanied by 48 realistically rendered illustrations, many of which show major ballet steps in sequenced drawings. A pronunciation guide to terms (listed alphabetically) is also included. Designed to heighten any ballet lover's appreciation and enjoyment of this art form, ABC of Ballet will serve as an excellent primer for ballet audiences, enthusiasts, and beginning students alike.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a good book for the young dancers and readers. It provides good illustrations that make it easy to visualize and understand the art of ballet. It adds to a child's ballet experience and gives them fun ways of learning and remembering all the different aspects and positions.

This was a helpful little book with definitions for ballet steps and terms that is useful when it slips out of your mind in dance class! Also, it has pictures that show you positions of arms, feet, and other poses etc. This would be great for any beginner to ballet, for the basic terms are listed and

explained well.

This is the best book of its kind I have seen. It accurately and succinctly displays and defines, with illustrations and text, all the moves and positions of classical ballet, minus a couple - Maya Plisetskaya, for example, devised an important move (arms crossed in front, head bowed) that unfortunately isn't noted here. By its brevity and reliability this tiny work succeeds perfectly, for all ages, and the authoress has decorated it with incisive and colorful epithets that add to our enjoyment, such as Martha Graham's "Dance is the hidden soul of the body."

This book is a wonderfully written study in the terminology of ballet. The illustrations are so helpful, and the information so thoughtfully written. I have purchased many copies for all the little girls in my life, to share and spark interest in ballet. This book was written by someone who loved and appreciated this beautiful art form.

While a good book for little ballerinas, I wish that there were a few other basic terms in the book that were not in there for some reason. It also tended to show a lot of the steps while "en pointe" & not on "flats." I feel that this will just make the young ones keep going up on their toes & can possibly hurt themselves. Most girls go en pointe between 10-13 yrs of age. This book was meant for beginners, not ones that have been in classes for years. I still find that it does give basic info, which is extremely helpful for the children & their parents.

I am a ballet/ dance teacher. I want to tell you that I highly recommend this book to you and to all of my ballet students. The price is right, and it teaches the basics well! Kim L.

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