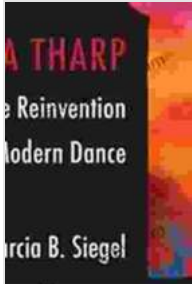


Twyla Tharp and the Reinvention of Modern Dance: A Literary Masterpiece Unlocking the Secrets of Artistic Revolution



Howling Near Heaven: Twyla Tharp and the Reinvention of Modern Dance by Marcia B. Siegel

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A Journey into the Extraordinary World of a Dance Pioneer

In the captivating pages of "Twyla Tharp and the Reinvention of Modern Dance," renowned author and dance critic, Sally Banes, unveils the extraordinary life and groundbreaking work of Twyla Tharp, one of the most influential choreographers of the 20th century. This literary masterpiece is a compelling narrative that delves into Tharp's artistic journey, exploring her daring experiments, collaborations, and the transformative impact she has had on the world of modern dance.

Through a rich tapestry of archival research, captivating interviews, and insightful analysis, Banes paints a vivid portrait of Tharp's relentless pursuit of artistic innovation. From her early experiments with postmodern dance to

her genre-bending collaborations with artists from various disciplines, Tharp's work has consistently challenged conventions and pushed the boundaries of movement.

Chapter 1: The Making of a Visionary

The book begins with Tharp's early years, tracing her journey from a small-town girl in Indiana to her arrival in New York City, the epicenter of the modern dance world. We witness her formative experiences, including her studies with Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham, and the influences that shaped her unique artistic vision.



Chapter 2: The Push for Innovation

As Tharp embarked on her own choreographic path, she fearlessly challenged the established norms of modern dance. She experimented with unconventional movement patterns, incorporated elements from other genres, and explored new ways of storytelling through dance. Her

groundbreaking works, such as "Eight Jelly Rolls" and "Push Comes to Shove," became iconic examples of her innovative approach.



Chapter 3: Collaborations and Cross-Pollination

Tharp's artistic vision extended beyond the confines of traditional dance. She embraced collaborations with artists from diverse fields, including music, theater, and film. Her work with musicians such as David Byrne and Billy Joel, and her collaborations on Broadway productions and feature films, showcased her ability to bridge different artistic worlds and create groundbreaking performances.



Chapter 4: The Legacy of a Dance Revolutionary

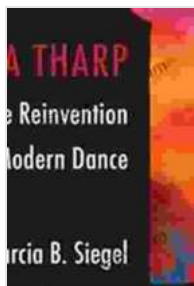
Through a detailed examination of Tharp's major works, Banes explores the choreographer's enduring legacy on the dance world. She analyzes Tharp's impact on the training of dancers, her influence on contemporary dance vocabulary, and her role as a mentor and inspiration to generations of artists.



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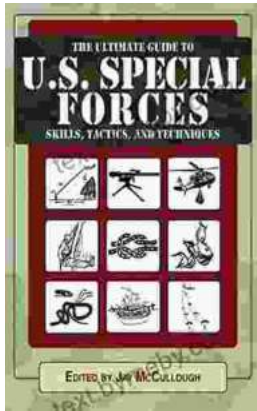
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