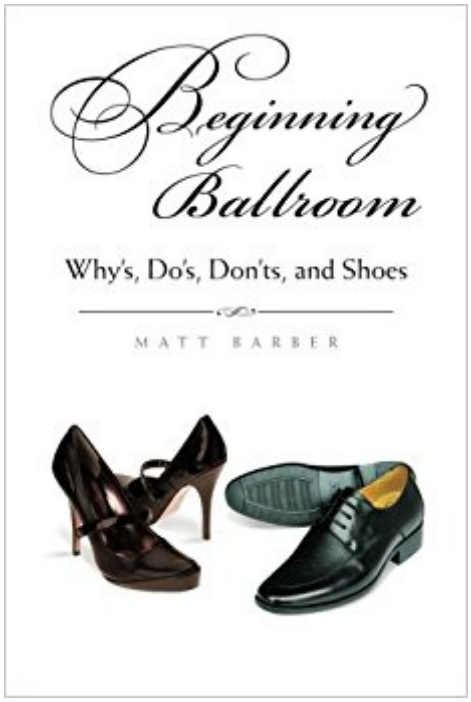
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"If I could make a wish and have the right kind of book materialize, this would be it. Thanks to this book, there is finally a guide worth suggesting that is incredibly valuable andÃ Â ...Ã Â essential to understanding the world that is social ballroom dancing." - R Strickland (Award-Winning Dance Instructor), quoted in Beginning Ballroom

Here it is! The book You’ve been looking for! Beginning Ballroom: Why’s, Do’s, Don’ts, and Shoes is the user manual for all those who want to get the most out of their ballroom dance lessons. Whether You’re curious about the ballroom culture, the history of the dances, how to practice, how competitions work, or just what all this talk of rhythm and smooth is all about, Beginning Ballroom explains it all without teaching a single step. If You’re a ballroom student of any level, Beginning Ballroom is required reading!

I’ve been learning to ballroom dance for 15 years, and in many ways I’m still a beginner, so this book is more than appropriate for someone with my experience. In fact I doubt there’s many ballroom dancers (who aren’t professional dancers) who couldn’t benefit in major ways from this professionally written, edited, and well-thought-out concise book.Ã Â Beginning Ballroom: Why’s, Do’s, Don’ts, and Shoes, 2nd EditionÃ Â has definitely benefited me. For instance: As a lead, I no

longer even think about keeping anything in my right pants' pocket when I head to a dance. Also, I take notes during my dance lessons, and study them. I also have stories to tell myself that have improved my waltz (I'm dancing with the queen of England and showing her off to her subjects), foxtrot (we're living in an ideal society, isn't it grand!), and tango (read Matt Barber's book to find out what my story might be). Enjoy.

I thought I had already reviewed this, but I somehow missed it. I was looking it up to buy as a gift for a fellow ballroom dancer and realized I needed to respond. My husband and I have been taking lessons for about the last 18 months and I've been looking for books that aren't just about, this is that figure etc. The author put in words the kind of thing new dancers need to feel comfortable in this new, exciting and even scary environment. He's funny, informative and insightful. As soon as I finished reading it, I re-read it. As the title states, it's not for advanced dancers, but even people who are well on their journey will enjoy it and find something new.

As a student of Matt's, I can tell you that his devotion to his craft and to his students runs deep. His love for dance shines through in every lesson! It also shines through in every word of this book. Matt manages to fit a wealth of information into these pages without overwhelming even a beginner student like myself. He has some really astute and inspired ideas to help you become a better student of dance. And the best part is, he presents them in a truly accessible and engaging way! I thoroughly enjoyed this book and know it will serve as an invaluable resource for me as I work to become a better dancer. Thanks, Matt!!

Reading and dancing...do these two really go together??!!??....-I've been dancing and competing in ballroom dancing for almost four years and before reading this book I would have answered my opening question differently.Matt Barber's book is an easy read that is helpful to not only beginners but "seasoned" dancers as well. People learn information in a variety of ways (eg. Hearing, writing, doing, and reading). By being informative yet down to earth and funny this book enhances one's learning of ballroom dance. I would definitely recommend this book to everyone I know!!

This book has been a wonderful, informative resource for me as a ballroom dancer! Matt Barber builds a great foundation from the first page--starting from the personal maintenance you may be wondering about (I especially appreciate that he gives you an idea of how your partner will feel in general situations, as it will give you a new perspective and vigor for personal hygiene). As he

informs you of the characters of the dances, and the feel and emotions of each one, you begin to get the "feel" for the art of dance. Regardless of anyone's ability in dance, EVERYONE can benefit from reading Beginning Ballroom. When I read this book, I want to start dancing--but it's so fun to read I find that I cannot and must read it all the way through!

I have taken lessons from Matt Barber for about 3 months. From the first page, it is evident that not only is he very knowledgeable about ballroom dancing, but has a passion for dancing that comes from his heart and soul. I read this book and it truly helped the pieces to fit in the beginning steps of my ballroom journey. This makes this gifted man the kind of teacher that makes this true beginning ballroom dancer feel like she can not only dance, but fly.-Amy Miller

An excellent read for the novice dancer and the "expert" dancer. Beginning Ballroom gives you the basics you need to know and eases any apprehension you may have about dancing. This book will tap in to your love of dance and get you ready to move or remind you of those little things you thought you knew but have maybe forgotten. Definitely a book you need to pickup and read. I can't wait to read the next book written by Matt Barber as I know it won't disappoint.

For anyone starting ballroom dance, this is the book for you. It's not just another boring "How To" guide that you will probably get bored of and only read the little sections you really need to know and still feel unsatisfied. This book is everything you need and want to know about ballroom dance and more. It's funny, witty, informative, and certainly will give you a real love and respect for ballroom dance and make you that much more excited about learning and taking it yourself.

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