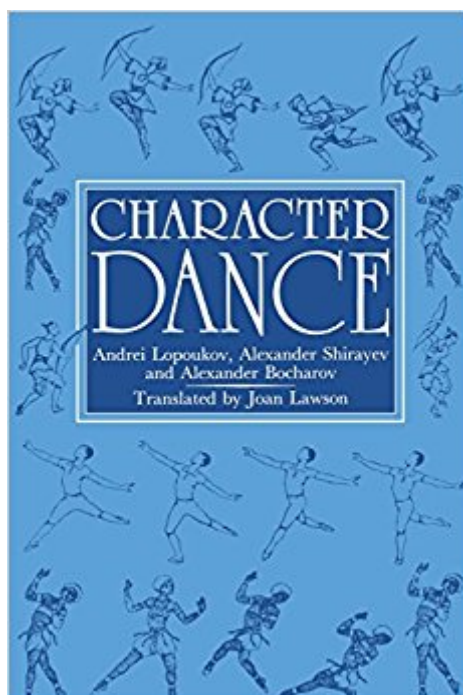


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# Character Dance



## Synopsis

Talks about the art of character dancing in classical ballet. This book deals with class character exercises and gives specific character dances in various national styles.

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## Customer Reviews

Text: English, Russian (translation)

This volume is a great companion to the DVD's by Inna Stabrova and others on this subject.

Character dance as it has evolved in Swan Lake, Coppelia, and other Russian much-loved ballets has evolved as a product of the Soviet cultural system. Taking the folk dances of Poland, Hungary, Russia, Spain, and the Gypsies, they basically developed a system of classifying and analyzing them such that the components of each can be identified conveniently and taught. Granted that much of dance is learned by imitation, it is still quite helpful to have a guide to the moves and their names combinations. With there being a rather sparse amount of reference material on this subject, this book is a fine addition to one's library.

This is a very thorough guide to character dance. A bit hard to understand at first. Not only does it describe the different steps associated with the countries but also gives an overview of the construction of the choreography found in the formations and such.

This is a good book for dance teachers. Well explained exercises, well informed about the history and the location of several character dances. Some steps are hard to understand with only the written explanation.

Thank you!!

This book is full of images that explain how to do character dance steps. It includes Russian, Polish, Hungarian, Gypsy, Irish and Spanish dances. If you want to learn about European character dances, this is your book and you will need nothing else.

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