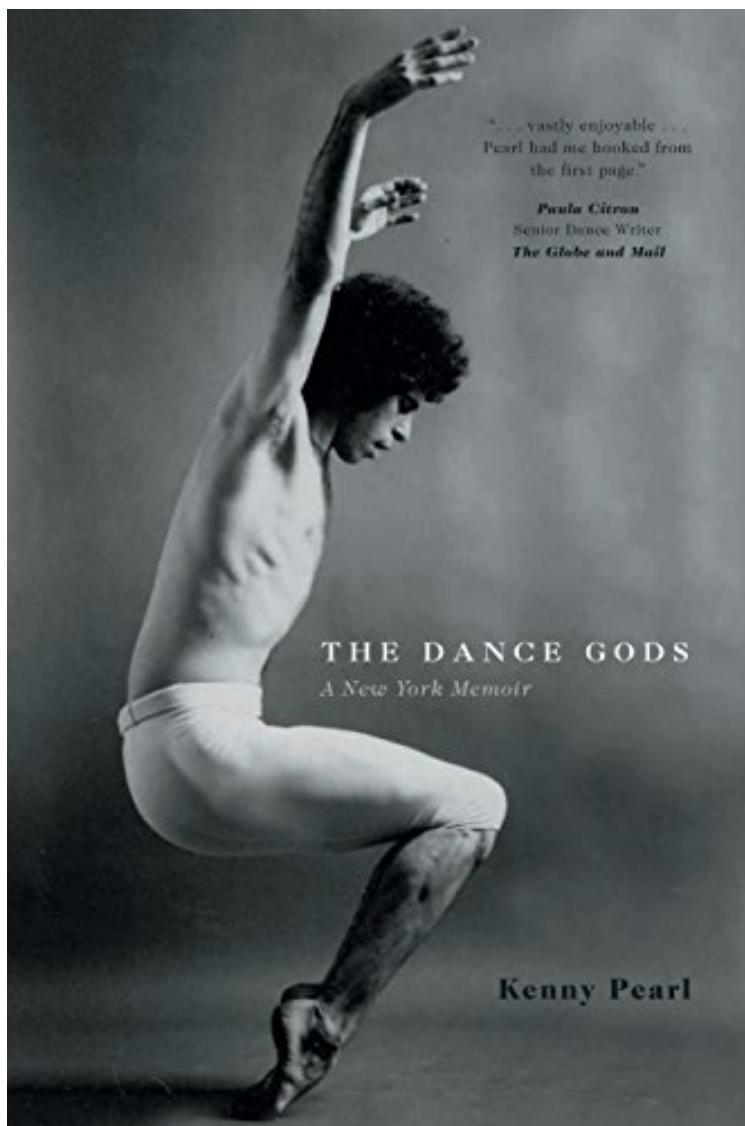


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**Kenny Pearl : The Dance Gods: A New York Memoir** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Dance Gods: A New York Memoir:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Especially to students of dance....By Seren3This book is excellent story telling. I can read almost any book about dance, or dancers. Yet a story teller yes! Starting with rich history about the author's family, and involving parts of Toronto I love to recall, Im tracking!Kenny Pearl has written a wonderful accounting of his artistic journey, grueling challenges, and accomplishments, sharing with us, his relationship with

The Dance Gods. I was captured by this book from beginning to end. Kenny has had a far closer professional and personal relationship with the modern dance icons he worked with, than I had had, and his stories evoked both welcome and occasionally less welcome memories in me. Yet readers with no previous knowledge of this world will find access to the author's experience of it through the simple ease of his narrative. He mentions, barely in passing, that when Pearl Lang asked him to perform with her company, that she was a known bully and that upon accepting, he told her she had to be nice. Whoa! I remember the dance world being generously sprinkled with bullies of the highest order whom I personally experienced, yet he is graciously almost dismissive - with this issue. When Kenny was studying ballet, modern dance, and pursuing academic studies back then, Toronto was a rich and intense place. The Dance Gods took him seriously as he followed his mind and heart to an even more if not ultimately intense art space. These memoirs are important. They are an offering of the deep feel for the work, the talents, the friendships and the milieu that both challenged and supported an intense, gifted and sensitive human being like Kenny Pearl. It's an energetic read, with plenty of brightness and humor! I can honestly say that you'd be depriving yourself somewhat if you don't read his book! It is rich in history and emotion, prime fodder for your own artistic aspirations. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read. Wonderful story. By C. Rollo I want to thank Mr. Pearl for taking the time to share his engaging experiences as a NY dancer. I was amazed at his style and writing ability as a dancer until I saw that he was also an English Major from Toronto University. He not only a dancer who has made his mark in dancing, he's a darn good writer. Always loving dance and having taken a class in Modern at UF years ago, I was able to appreciate many of the names and dancing experiences he related. But on a personal note, I found that I could relate to many of his personal struggles as he followed his muse. I may not believe in dance gods but I do believe that God has a hand on his life. Thank you, Mr. Pearl for taking the time and effort to share your wonderful journey as an artist. You are an inspiration. I couldn't put it down. You are still "entertaining" others. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I loved getting an inside glimpse of the life of a ... By E. Haney This book is well written, informative, and entertaining. I loved getting an inside glimpse of the life of a New York dancer, as well as a feel for what it was like to live in the City in the 70s. I had a chance shortly after reading it to see a performance of Alvin Ailey Dance Theater, and having the "inside information" from this book made it much more fun.

When Kenny Pearl arrived in New York City, determined to succeed as a dancer, he was penniless, friendless and jobless. His memories shine against the backdrop of the turbulent '60s and '70s, including Vietnam War protests, the military draft and the rampant crime that once plagued the city. From humble beginnings in the hippie-populated Lower East Side, to performing with the greats of the New York modern dance scene - he danced with the companies of both Martha Graham and Alvin Ailey - Pearl's life is one of tenacity, hard work and passion. This is the engaging story of the hurdles he faced on his unique journey and the remarkable people he met along the way.