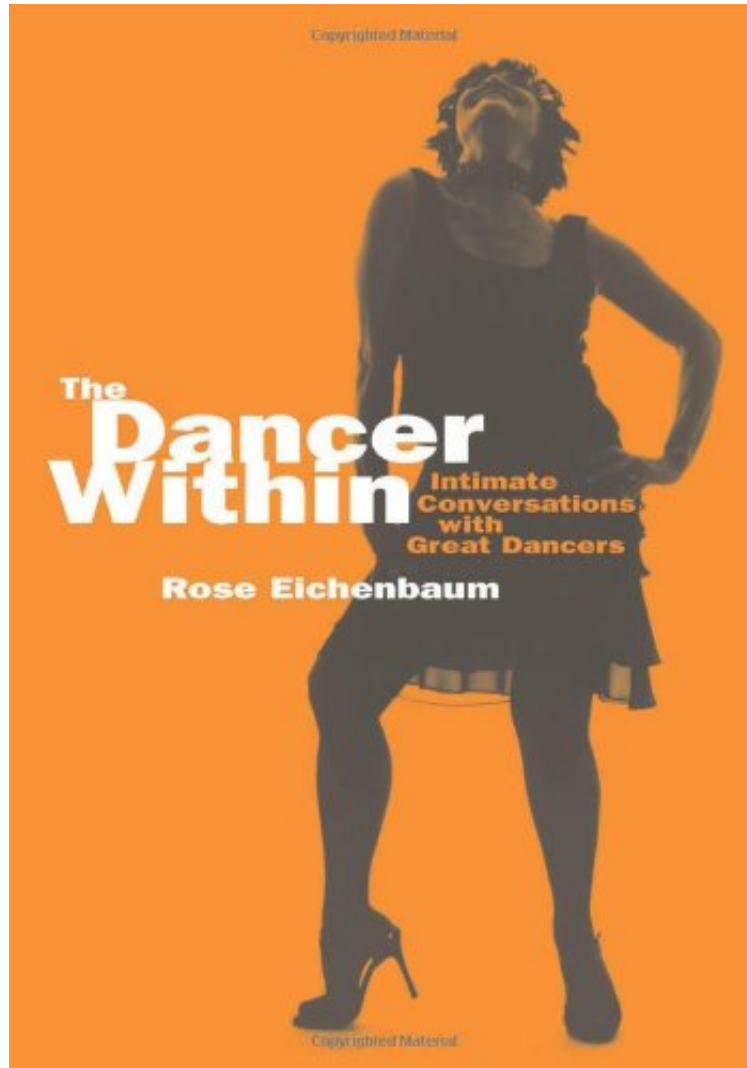


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**Rose Eichenbaum : The Dancer Within: Intimate Conversations with Great Dancers** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Dancer Within: Intimate Conversations with Great Dancers:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A glorious book about dancers and their passion.By Sophie UlsterRose Eichenbaum's love of dance and her devotion to dancers shines through every page of this glorious book. Personal interviews and candid photographs take the reader on an intimate journey with each of these performing artists, revealing their aspirations, their failures, their love of life and of their art. The author manages to bring out the uniqueness of each subject, presenting an entertaining, inter-active visit with some of the great dancers of our time.3 of

3 people found the following review helpful. Capturing a Moment in TimeBy Larry BillmanWhat can one write about a "one-of-a-kind" photo journalism work like this one? "The Dancer Within" not only contains some masterful photographs but the "tone" of each interview is so personal, so candid and so insightful. Although the dance styles, career paths, accomplishments and challenges of each interviewee are varied, they all emerge as "One." It was prophetic and purposeful that the book is titled "The Dancer Within," as the text "nails" that random and demanding dancer computer chip embedded in all of them. For anyone who ever danced -or ever dreamed of it - the book is a necessary addition to your library. And your spirit.It also captures the end of an era in dance history but begins the transition into the future. I look forward to Ms. Eichenbaum's next exploration and thank her for allowing us to take these journeys with her.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Intimate IndeedBy Joy M. WeinbergSitting down to read "The Dancer Within," I feel as if I've been invited into the homes of each great dancer for a cup of tea and an intimate sharing of lives. Accompanied by introspective, striking photographic portraits, most questions and answers tell the story of each artist/dancer's life while paying equal attention to his/her inner life. I learned, for example, that for quite some time Joel Grey didn't want the early fame accorded him as a song-and-dance man; he longed to be the serious actor, the next Laurence Olivier. Rita Moreno's rise to fame was deeply desired and complex. Not surprisingly in those times, as a Puerto Rican she was typecast in roles; but at the same time in adulthood she herself struggled--internally and externally--to overcome the messages of being "less than as a Puerto Rican" internalized in her childhood. She triumphs personally and professionally: a triumph of will, work, luck, and other blessings. Eichenbaum pays tribute to the drive and the humanness of these artists with sensitivity and grace.

The Dancer Within is a collection of photographic portraits and short essays based on confessional interviews with forty dancers and entertainers, many of them world-famous. Well-known on the concert stage, on Broadway, in Hollywood musicals, and on television, the personalities featured in this book speak with extraordinary candor about all stages of the dancers lifefrom their first dance class to their signature performances and their days of reflection on the artists life. The Dancer Within reveals how these artists triumphed, but also how they overcame adversity, including self-doubt, injuries, and aging. Most of all, this book is about the courage, commitment, love, and passion of these performers in their quest for artistic excellence. The reader will quickly realize that the dancer within is a metaphor of the human spirit.

From Publishers WeeklyPhotographer and author Eichenbaum trains her lens on 40 dancers in this collection of photographs, short essays and interviews. She covers a wide range of artists, from the worlds of Hollywood, Broadway, ballet and modern dance. While some, such as Rasta Thomas and Ethan Stiefel, are young, most are veteransRita Moreno, Cynthia Gregory, Liza Minnelli and Dudley Williams. Despite a certain level of fawning (to Mitzi Gaynor: Mitzi, you've still got it; to Russ Tamblyn: You look almost exactly as you did in West Side Story), the dancers mostly transcend this with thoughtful comments. The section on Mikhail Baryshnikov is peculiar, relating Eichenbaum's failed pursuit of an interview and the restrictions placed on her photographing the star. And there are some glaring omissionsno Balanchine ballerinas? So few young dancers? Still, there's a constant refrain that links the disparate artists together, summarized succinctly by Jean Butler, star of Riverdance: At the end of the day, I just want to dance. This is recommended for dance aficionados. 40 bw illus. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Eichenbaums disarmingly simple questions are clearly based on research about each actors work, and the results are not standard-issue interviews.Leonard Malton, Movie Crazy