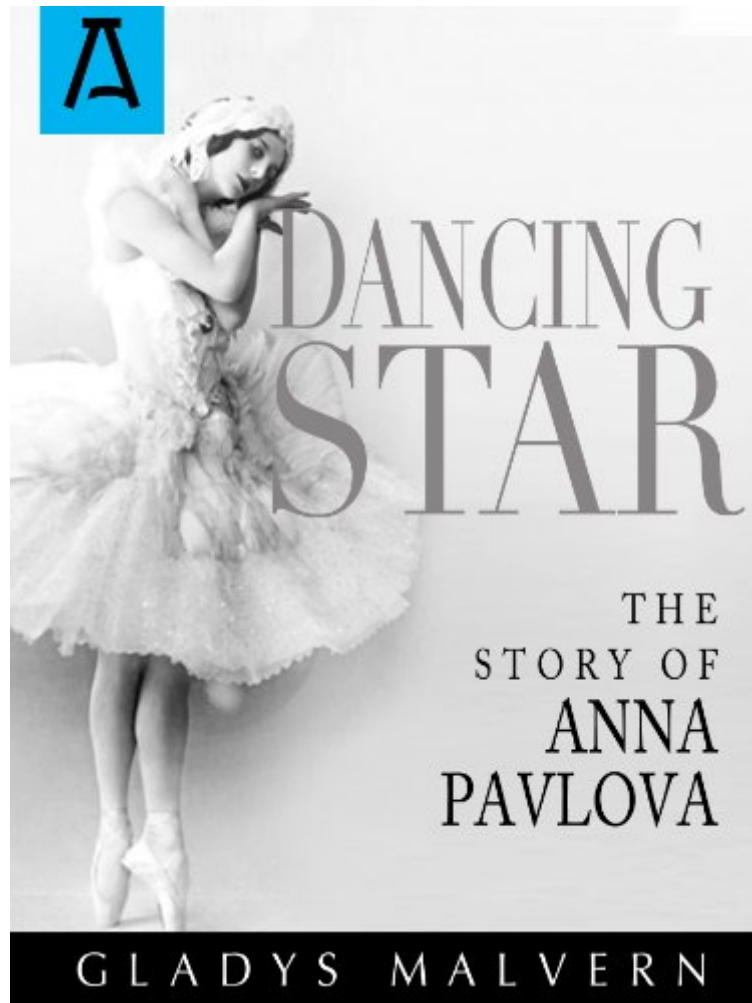




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Dancing Star: The Story Of Anna Pavlova



Synopsis

In this biographical novel, Gladys Malvern shares the incredible story of Anna Pavlova, one of the most revered and celebrated ballerinas of all time. Malvern presents Pavlova's life in enchanting prose, allowing the reader to experience Pavlova's inspirational first exposure to a performance of Sleeping Beauty, the origination of her defining dance The Dying Swan, her illustrious rise to fame as a prima ballerina, and her extensive world tours. You don't have to be a fan of the ballet to enjoy this captivating tale, available for the first time in ebook.

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Customer Reviews

I remember this book was on my eighth grade reading list and approved for young readers. I read it then and decided to re-read it now in my 60's. The reason I gave it 5 stars is that I'm rating it as a must read for all reader including young readers. No sex or violence but a very intense book based on the true story of a Russian Ballerina. Makes you think about how much you need to structure your own life and would be a good example for young girls to better behave and stay focused if they want to succeed. Anna goes to the extreme, but shows us

how even in her most tyrant moods she remains kind and generous to the poor, the common people and true to her friends. The author writes in an easy to read format. Although this is not a thrilling page-turning book, the author keeps you wanting to read more and to continue on the exciting and almost unbelievable journey that Anna takes. I'm not sure today's super hero could take on the dangerous risks that Anna took in her life and I commend the author for taking us on this journey without compromising her writing style.

Fantastic. Loved the book and a new world opened up. Well written and easy to read. Great read

Captivating, uplifting and inspiring book. I would most definitely recommend this book to anyone interested in the life of Anna Pavlova.

If you love to read about artists and their fascinating lives, then this is a book you should read. The book is interesting to dancers and people who simply love the arts.

I loved the story of Anna Pavlova! Anna's words and lifestyle has changed my views as a dancer. Her words will change yours too.

It was a very in depth biography of the time and life of Anna Pavlova. The book was difficult to put down.

Mediocre

My copy of this book belonged to my mother when she was young, and I could tell it had been read many times. I picked it up eagerly hoping it would be good. But while Dancing Star does a great job describing Anna's childhood, the book loses steam shortly after. Strangely, it leaves out a lot of interesting facts of Anna's life, for example her feet were completely wrong for ballet and it was only through altering her shoes that she was able to dance. This caused controversy, with many people claiming she wasn't a "real" ballerina. In addition, the book sort of meanders along with no one event seeming to be more important than any other. This takes drama away from her life. Anna Pavlova was a strong, brave and almost obscenely talented woman. This book doesn't do her justice.

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