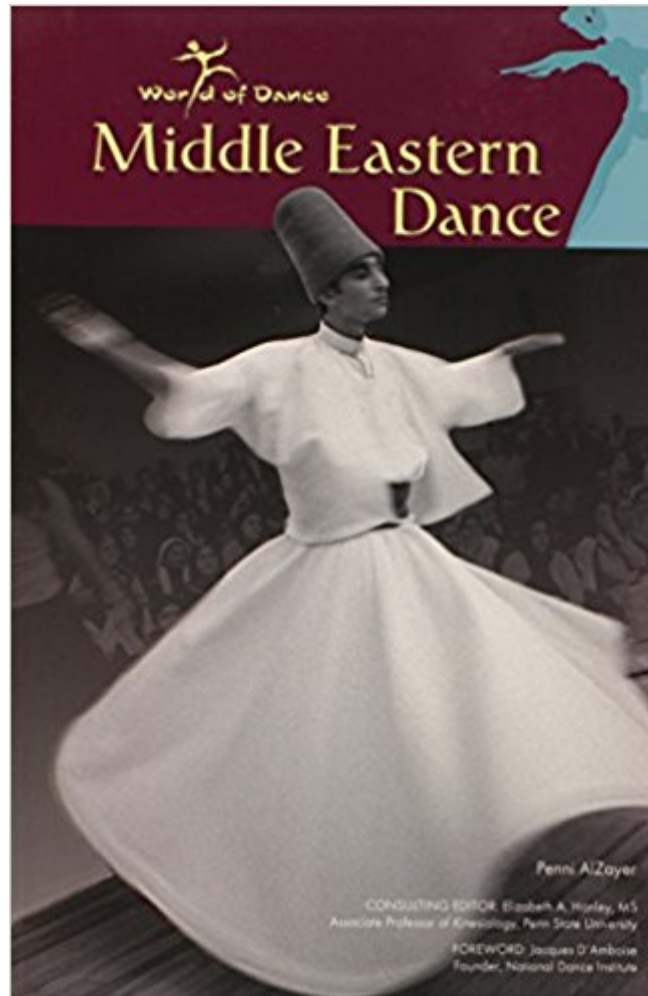




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Synopsis

Introduces the history, religious significance, national styles, and basic steps of traditional dance from the Middle East and North Africa, and discusses belly dancing by professional entertainers and similar dances by men.

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Customer Reviews

Interesting and useful book for someone interested in middle eastern dance,

Nice overview! Not so sure on all the Goddess stuff, author uses Curt Sachs as a reference, I'm not hot on Sachs scholarship in that area.

The writer took a carefull approach into describing the history and culture of the dance origin, then continued into describing the dance - the meaning of the dance, the musical meaning of the dance, the costume of the dance, and the performance of the dance. This led into much enlightened knowlegde being sought by serious studenst. She started out with bellydance being brought to the US, and many myth busters. She covered Egyptian Cabaret and Saïdi, with a comparision of male vs female Saïdi dance. Then trance dance or religious dance, Guedra and Zar. There is a chapter on Lebanese Debke. I wish there was one on Turkish and Lebanese Bellydance. She does cover the Gulf States with Khaleegy and another battle dance in Dubai thought to have been brought to Dubai from Egyptian Traders. There is a controverial chapter on mail belly dance. Then a

comparison of an American show vs an Egyptian Show. This book is so packed with knowledge that I have found to be more than likely accurate with my research. IT IS A MUST HAVE. I COULD NOT POSSIBLY DESCRIBE IT ALL HER. IT IS FULL OF WELL RESEARCHED KNOWLEDGE. Not alot of pics though. Even goes over a full Tunora Routine.Kira

If you are interested in exploring literature on Middle Eastern Dance and have been stumped by the wide range currently on offer, this is an excellent introduction featuring major Middle Eastern dances. Easy to read with relevant information including historical development, it was a pity that it had so few photos.

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