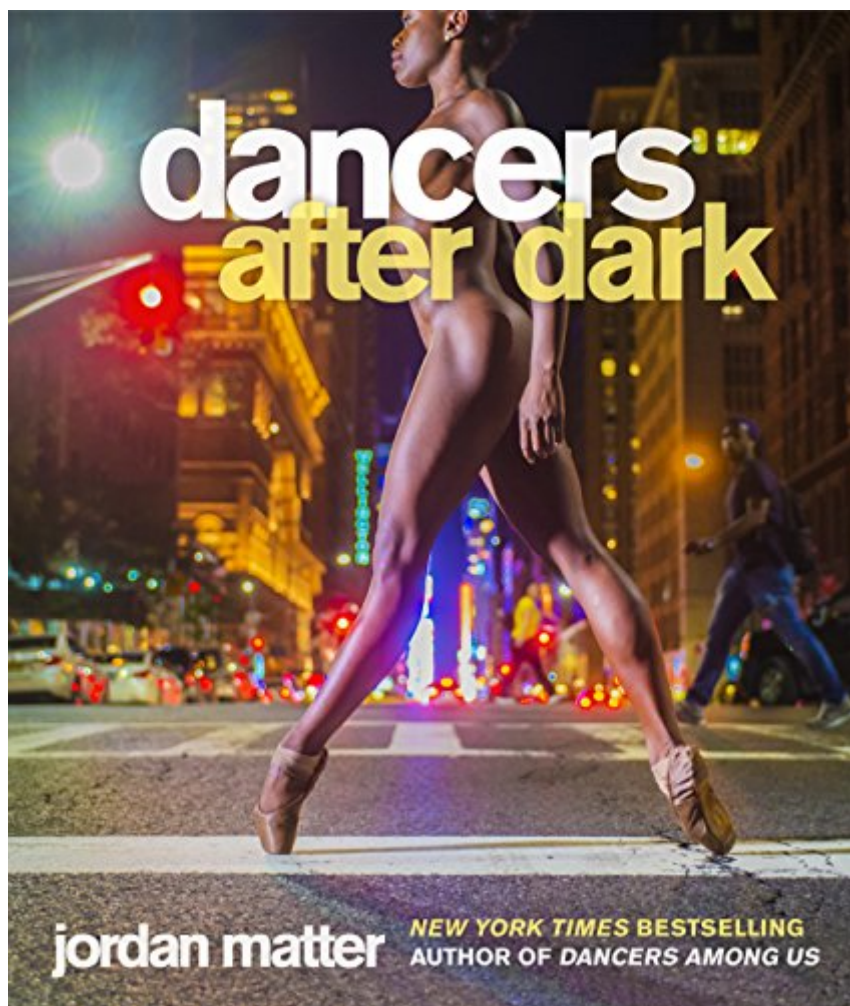


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# Dancers After Dark



## Synopsis

Dancers After Dark is an amazing celebration of the human body and the human spirit, as dancers, photographed nude and at night, strike poses of fearless beauty. Without a permit or a plan, Jordan Matter led hundreds of the most exciting dancers in the world out of their comfort zones—•not to mention their clothes—•to explore the most compelling reaches of beauty and the human form. After all the risk and daring, the result is extraordinary: 300 dancers, 400 locations, more than 150 stunning photographs. And no clothes, no arrests, no regrets. Each image highlights the amazing abilities of these artists—•and presents a core message to the reader: Say yes rather than no, and embrace the risks and opportunities that life presents. • •

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## Customer Reviews

First of all, I love dance photography and I love the photos in this book. Hats off to the photographer and the gutsy dancers, gymnasts, and circus performers who braved weather, grimy settings, peeping toms and the police to pull this work off. I can't give this the five stars it deserves because with the Kindle version of the book, there is no way to enlarge the text or zoom in on the photos.

Each page is basically a static version of the book layout. You can look at the photos on your phone or a standard size Kindle, but unless you have really good eyes, you will not be able to read the text. I will most likely order the "dead tree" version of Dancers After Dark.

Great book. Wonderful photos. Creative photographer and dancers. Amazing poses to 'expose' us to the art of dancing, dancing positions, diversity of dancers, diversity of scenes / places, ... Put out a second and third book for 'Dancers during the Day' or 'Dancers at Day Break', ... Love to see non-city alternative settings for a future book in other countries than USA and Western-Europe. NZ, Australia, Indonesia, Africa, Russia, Japan, ... Nice to see explanations of how the dancers were staged, prepared, lit, focus, cropped, ... My favorite is the woman dancer in CA coast at sunset - beautiful setting (beach / rocks / water), sunset colors, dancer pose and poise, ...

Even though the pictured dancers are in superb physical shape, it's amazing none were injured while striking the athletic poses in, on and around the locations used in the book. Even more amazing, the often quickly-posed photos don't reveal a single crotch, male or female! The photos are roughly half color, half black & white. Both work and reproduction is excellent. A number of photos are printed across the binding, but generally this doesn't detract from the image - kudos to the art director. My only complaint, probably echoed by many buying the book, is that it's too small. Howard Schatz's similarly-themed "Passion & Line" is a majestic 11x14" and printed on heavy stock. "Dancers After Dark" deserves to be printed larger than a textbook.

The book has a good concept, with dancers staged theatrically in front of architectural landmarks or interesting spots. The dancers are pretty average as dancers go. If you are using it for references though, I would not pick this book because the lighting washes out the dancers' bodies to look flat, and most of the pictures, in order to show the scale of the environment, make the dancers out to be very small in the picture. Other than that, the composition of the dancers is great.

This is an amazing experience inside of a binder. I'm amazed not only by the skill of the dancers, but the composition as well as the lighting. I'm not a coffee book table kind of person, but if I were, this would be on top. After browsing through a few pages in a local book shop, I couldn't get it out of my mind. I later purchased the book to show my children (7 and 11) to show them how beautiful the

human body can be in a tasteful and artistic way. They are getting to that age where it could go either way, and I took this opportunity to help them look at the human body in a positive light. Jordan Matter's *Dancers After Dark* worked perfectly. It went from giggles and silly comments to appreciation for the dancer's skills and the feelings generated by the composition. I love it!

I had been watching Jordan's instagram posts for a while so i had an idea what i was in store for, but was blown away with the final results. Ordered the hard cover which comes with an ice sleeve as well. All the pictures are very well done, many are in NYC and many are overseas as well. The pictures are amazing and have a wide variety of scenes. Anywhere from sleek urban settings, to ice water in Colorado. Its also interesting that he time stamps the pictures, so in the city pics you have an idea what would be going on at that time.

Beautiful layered compositions, clever use of light, graceful poses, and a touch of humor. From Mr. Matter's earlier work, I knew his captures of dancers would be amazing. But here he worked in low light, often with limited time, and still outdid my expectations. The book is a real treat.

This is so much more than just a book of pretty pictures. Jordan Matter's photos come alive as you gaze at them; the sheer power of their beauty is mesmerizing. It is difficult to tear oneself away from one, only to be equally transported by the next. The imagination of the photographer, combined with the extraordinary physical qualities of his subjects and their environments, create an equation that is at once stunning and thought-provoking. I have just received this book, and have already spent much time reflecting on it: reviewing the compositions, the nature of the light, and the stark and splendid results that Jordan has captured. This book would be an amazing gift for anyone who dances, travels, appreciates beauty, moves, or even just breathes.

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