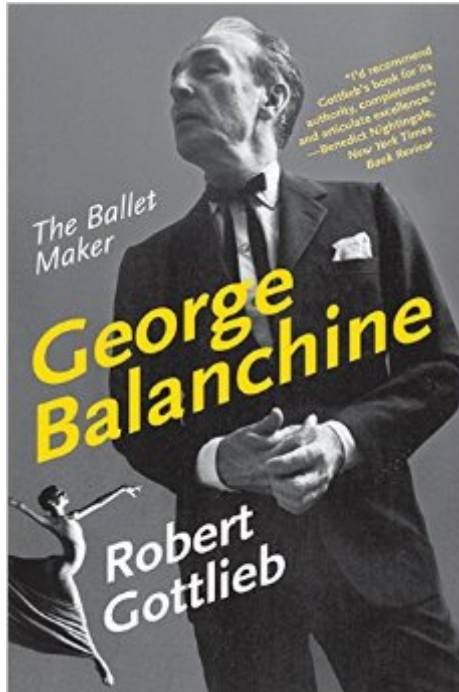


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# George Balanchine: The Ballet Maker (Eminent Lives)



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Written by the gifted author, editor, and dance critic Robert Gottlieb, George Balanchine describes the life and art of the celebrated, revolutionary ballet choreographer. Here is a necessary and singular look at the life of one of the great figures of the 20th Century: the dynamic Balanchine, founder of The New York City Ballet, collaborator of Stravinsky, and inspiration to countless fans over the course of his long and storied career. George Balanchine is another engaging entry in the HarperCollinsâ™ Eminent Lives series of biographies by distinguished authors on canonical figures.

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a great follow up book to Balanchine and the Lost Muse. It picks up almost precisely where the other book ends, just as Balanchine is getting ready to launch his fabulous career.

This book is not just for ballet fans! I am a lifelong lover of the ballet and I was an aspiring dancer at one point in my life but even if I hadn't been, THE BALLET MAKER would still have been a great read. So much of Balanchine's life has become part of our collective knowledge. We've all seen some version of THE NUTCRACKER at Christmas; most of us recognize names like Nureyev, Vilella and Farrell; Lincoln Center is a part of the national vocabulary; and Balanchine himself is a recognizable figure to most people. THE BALLET MAKER provides the backdrop for the enormous

impact that Balanchine had on dance, in exciting cities in Europe but especially in the United States. I like the fact that the focus of the book is on the people who are involved in this art form. It is through their eyes that we learn so much about the somewhat closed, but infinitely interesting, world of professional ballet.

Beautifully written with facts woven into a fascinating life story. A great introduction to the man George Balanchine and his admirable work.

It is really a much better book than I first thought so I am changing my stars to 5!

Excellent work. Author is highly knowledgeable and a skilled writer.

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