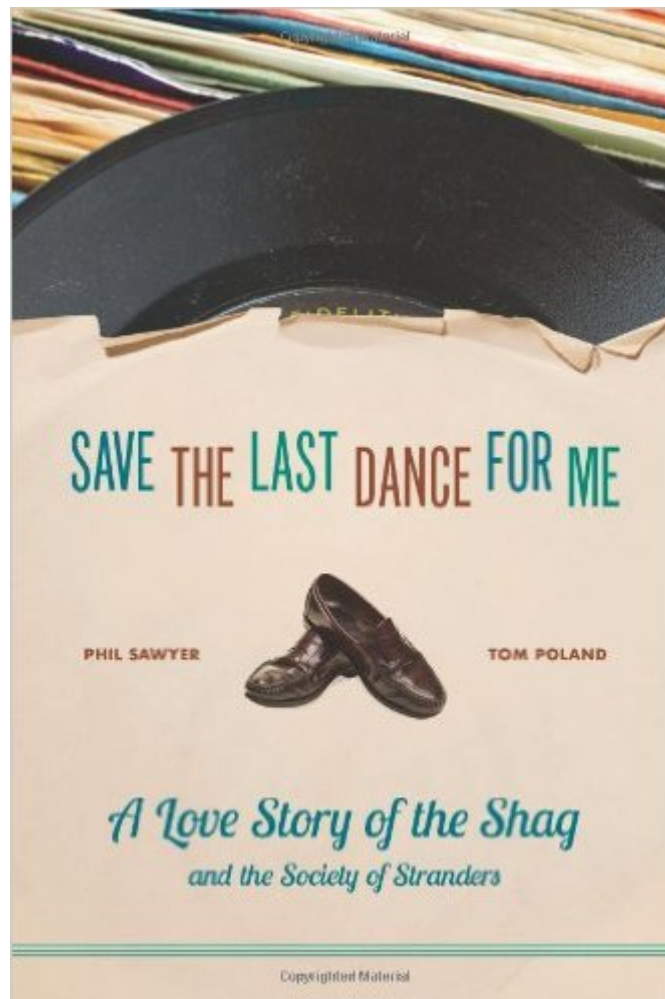


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# Save The Last Dance For Me: A Love Story Of The Shag And The Society Of Stranders



## Synopsis

The shag, the official state dance of North and South Carolina, originated in the 1930s. The dance quickly spread throughout the South, where it became a legend in many beach regions. *Save the Last Dance for Me* is the story of the shag and the development of the Society of Stranders, an organization devoted to the dance and its culture. In *Save the Last Dance for Me*, Phil Sawyer and Tom Poland retell the story of the legendary dance and its iconic presence at Ocean Drive, Myrtle Beach, and other South Carolina beaches. While contributing memories of shagging on Ocean Drive, Sawyer and Poland also discuss the actual dance steps that make up the shag. With the retelling of the shag story comes the unique story of the Society of Stranders. Formed in 1980 after a Red Sea Balsam bottle containing an SOS note washed ashore as a practical joke, what resulted was increased national publicity and five thousand "strand-ers" flocking to Ocean Drive Beach to show their support for the shag culture. The Society of Stranders, or SOS, and the Association of Carolina Shag Clubs together now consist of more than fifteen thousand members. The shag's past, present, and future are described here with archival and contemporary photographs. The shag has become an important part of coastal culture for thousands, particularly in North Myrtle Beach, a community that has embraced the legacy of this dance. *Save the Last Dance for Me* tells the story of cultural change, including the separation and integration of races, and chronicles how rhythm and blues, Motown, and beach music evolved to create a social phenomenon that is still popular today.

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This is an excellent book which gives you the history/origins of the shag dance. Having grown up in

the Carolinas and a member of many Shag clubs I found this book to be very interesting reading. While people talk about the Carolina Shag as a dance, it really is more of a philosophy and way of life that surrounds it as well. All of you have to do is attend one of the Spring Safari or Fall Migrations at North Myrtle beach to gain an appreciation of the comraderie and love of the dance. Great reading for Shaggers

Sawyer and Pollard wrote a winner in the history of Shag in the south. This history needs to be written before it disappears. Buy it today.

Very good book, well written, interesting read!

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