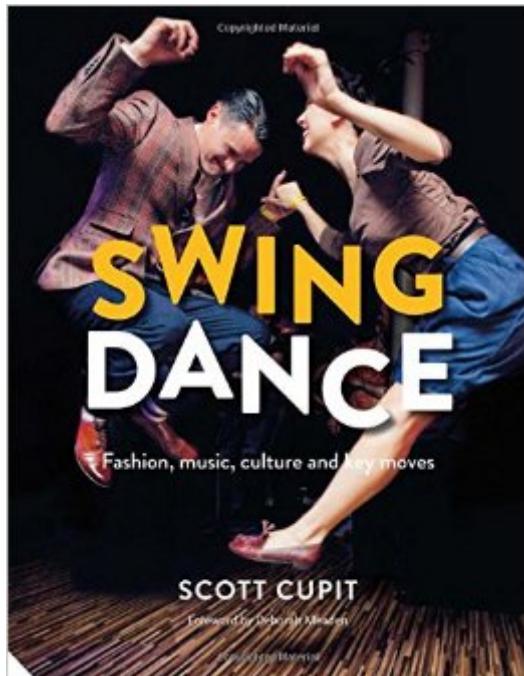


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Swing Dance: Fashion, Music, Culture And Key Moves



Synopsis

With all things vintage enjoying a boom worldwide, swing dancing has well and truly swung back into fashion. From vintage festivals and tea dances to weekend socials and hundreds of weekly classes held around the world, multiple forms of the dance that was created in 1930s Harlem by Frankie Manning are growing ever more popular. Swing Dance explores the vibrant contemporary swing-dancing scene, looking at the different dance styles and the associated culture, community and fashion. Illustrated with vintage and contemporary photography, as well as specially commissioned step-by-step guides, it provides everything you need to know, whether you fancy kicking up your heels in the Charleston or mastering the Lindy Hop 'swing out'. The four major dance styles are covered - Charleston, Collegiate Shag, Balboa and Lindy Hop, including the Strolls, which are guaranteed to fill the dance floor. Each chapter begins with an overview of the fascinating evolution of the dance style. 'Get the Look' examines the fashions for guys and girls, including hair and make-up, and a clothing, shoes and accessories checklist, while 'The Music' suggests the top ten tunes to practise to. Then follows a breakdown of the basic step patterns upon which the dance is built, and a guide to some of the key moves. There are also insider tips from old-timers and today's leading swing dancers as well as fun, easy-to-follow page-embedded video demonstrations produced exclusively for the book and accessible via scannable QR codes.

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I love this book, it has a human story and is full of clear and easy instructions to follow. The art pictures and art work make it so pleasing to read and to give as gifts to those who love to swing dance and to those who want to swing dance. I am buying several to give away to friends who love

to dance.

Scott Cupit is a charismatic man who stumbled across swing dance by chance, was gripped by a passion for it and seems to have only grown in that since then. This book brings to life what's so fantastic about the dance, the dress and the music with passion and style. The book is an attractive matt hardback without a slip cover illustrated throughout by a combination of vintage and original photos that bring it to life. Inside, there are chapters on swing essentials (footwear and fashion) followed by chapters on four of the main dances, the Charleston, the Collegiate Shat, the Balboa and the Lindy Hop. Each chapter includes an overview, tips on dress for that particular dance style, recommended tunes, and clear instructions on how to dance each dance including links to video demonstrations. All in all, a very well put-together book that's a delight to read and to learn from, and will make a lovely gift for someone who enjoys dance or swing music or learning new skills.

This is a beautifully presented hardcover book that will take pride of place on my coffee table. Scott Cupit's passion for swing dancing shines through in the anecdotes he shares. There is something for everyone in this book: history, fashion for men and women, gorgeous vintage and modern photos, dance step instructions and QR codes that link to demonstration videos. Swing Dance is the perfect introduction to those new to the culture and gives more depth to those who have caught the "jitterbug" bug already. I received this book free in exchange for an honest review.

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