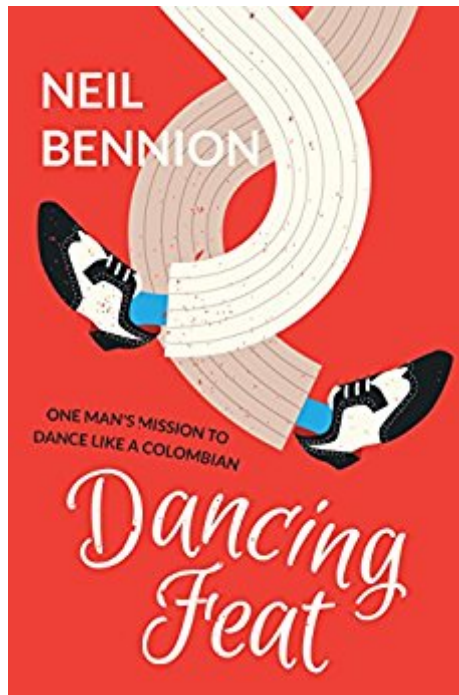




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Dancing Feat: One Man's Mission To Dance Like A Colombian



Synopsis

Dancing Feat is the story of one Englishman's attempt to deal with his appalling dance ability by dancing his way round Colombia. Join inveterate dance coward Neil Bennion as he romps through this land of swashbuckling peaks and luscious coastlines, learning new dances as he goes. When he's not doing everything in his power to avoid them, that is.- Get an insight into Colombian dance: from the urban forms found in nightclubs, to folkloric dances steeped in historical significance.- Learn the truth about this famously troubled country.- Meet a people who are amongst the kindest and warmest anywhere on the planet, unless you're trying to get away with not dancing. Some six months after he began, he's honour-bound to put on a show of the dances he's learnt. But can such a bad dancer really make the necessary transformation? Is it even possible to remember so many dances? And is there a window backstage big enough for an adult male to fit through?

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Customer Reviews

Buried under maybe 20,000 excess words is a five-star book struggling to come out. The basic

premise is interesting (especially for a reviewer who has just started ballroom and Latin classes, and is itching to lug her backpack around Latin America one day); the information is there - about the dancing, the food, the history etc, and the writing is articulate and evocative (and, if I remember rightly, typo free - considering I've spotted typos even in 'serious' books by supposedly reputable university presses, that's hugely impressive). However, as a previous reviewer said, it is a bit repetitive. Repetition may be good when it comes to learning a dance, but it's not the best way of keeping a reader's attention - as that previous reviewer illustrated. Their beef was that we had the same story repeated over and over again - author arrives in a city, starts to learn a dance, struggles to learn said dance then achieves some degree of competence. Me, I got really frustrated by the way the author would make some witty observation then repeat it but said in a different way, in the very next sentence, just in case we had missed it the first time. Those, to me anyway, were the words that could have gone, making the book move faster (and, thinking about the bottom line, cheaper to print). If those words had to be kept, maybe they could have been employed to say more about the dances themselves, perhaps, or about the place of dancing in Colombia? Yes, dancing is very popular, but, for example, exactly how common are the folk dances - are they taught in every school, or are they a minority pastime, as Morris dancing is in the UK? I'm in no way dissing this book. I enjoyed reading it, I learned from it, I was inspired by it, I'm glad it was published. I would certainly class it as 'better' than some of the massively-hyped ones published by mainstream publishing houses. But it could have been even better.

This book was very humorous in a witty style that I found absolutely charming.

I love this book!!! It keeps you Reading, has a lot of humor and he describes Colombia and her amazing people exactly how they are! Hope this book soon will come OUT in spanish because i would love to give it to my colombian dance teachers!!!

Reading this book made me want to quit my job and travel to Columbia to experience the joy, laughter, smells and taste of this country! :)

Amazing, super funnnnnny! Worth every pennny! :)

What a great book! Much better than the usual Kindle cheapies. Thoroughly recommended if you're interested in dance or Colombia, but also very funny book in it's own right if you like the British style

of self deprecating humour

Dancing Feat will spur feelings of both wanderlust and dancerlust (new word I just made up that means "will make you want to dance"). I know I'm biased because Neil is a friend, but I highly recommend this book to travelers (and/or dancers). Especially, of course, for prospective travelers to Colombia.

This was a great adventure! Knowing that it's a book about a guy with a mission to learn how to dance in Colombia, I didn't know what to expect from it. Will it be purely about dance? Or about traveling? I got both and much, much more. It's a cool guide to Colombia, even cooler guide to Colombian dances and most of all - it's a great story about pushing one's limits, struggling to reach a goal and a transformation of a person. It's written with humour, so the read was smooth and enjoyable. I highly recommend it! :-)

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