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Partner Dance Success: Vol 2: Be The One They Want: What I Wish I Knew When I Started Social Dancing (PDS) (Volume 2)



Synopsis

Volume 2 of the "Partner Dance Success" series. More insights and inspiration, plus a musicality bonus chapter for refining your listening skills. Want to be a better social dancer in less time? Progress faster than your peers and get more out of your practice and dance time? Ever wonder what it's like when potential partners seek you out? Find out what makes you desirable as a partner, and pay attention to the most important dance elements. Adults focus on different elements than children, and you'll get more from your lessons and practice sessions. You can dance better tomorrow, next week and beyond with the information found in this book. This book is full of practical, actionable, inspiring articles originally written for one of the world's most popular social dance blogs (www.UnlikelySalsero.com) Voted #1 dance blog in 2013 by the DanceAdvantage.net readers. The insights come from someone widely known as the "World's Least Likely Dance Instructor." • Don Baarns was a professional musician in his 20s, studying and working with some of the most recorded musicians in Los Angeles. Watching tens of thousands of dancers over the years while performing, he always said "Someday I'd like to dance too, that seems like fun." • It took him into his mid 40s to start that pursuit, and his light hearted, fun, self-conscious, real world journey into dancing will benefit your quest greatly. Musicians and dancers follow an amazingly parallel improvement path. Don started teaching private drum lessons around 1977 and has decades of teaching and music experience. From his beginning dance lessons, Don knew he would someday teach this art too, as he quickly recognized the similarities among the elite dancers and musicians. Today, he passes that wisdom along to thousands of dancers in group classes, private lessons, his blog and online videos. These time-tested articles have been created, refined, organized and updated to reflect years of accumulated social dance experience, plus feedback from a huge set of dance friends, partners, blog readers, students, club dancers and other instructors from around the world. As a master instructor himself, today he also coaches many other teachers, both in musicality and in teaching techniques. Most chapters are written as standalone articles, and will contribute to your overall dancing success. They are also written from a very personal point of view; outlining successes, short-term failures and solutions YOU can apply directly to your dancing. All to inspire you and help improve your dancing faster than the crowd. It's not brain surgery or beyond your reach; it's the right mindset, the right techniques and some uncommon approaches to excellence learned from years of performing and teaching both music and dance.

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Customer Reviews

This is superb for those whose goal is the best social dancing. In the process of advising on becoming a great social dancer, it teaches many things about people and about dance itself, many of which are helpful to the competitive dancer.

I loved Volume 1 of the Partner Success Series and Volume 2 is filled with much needed information to be a successful lead. This book will also help you stand out as someone every follower will want to dance with. Every aspect of learning to dance from Private Lessons to the Club Scene is explored. It is amazing how I can discuss something with my primary dance instructor and see that Don Baarns writes about it in this book. I can hardly wait for Volume 3!

For a middle-aged beginner, learning to dance is such a journey with ups and downs. When I am excited with new-learnt competences, Don's articles echo with me with reminders of blind spots; when I am depressed by my slow progress, Don's words cheer me up for not giving it up too soon. His humor in the book, his passion in dance, and his enthusiasm to encourage and comfort his readers on his Facebook all make me get a feeling that I am not merely buying a book but getting an angel on my dance journey.

If only I had access to this information when I first started dancing! Would have grown much faster as a dancer and been saved from having some bad experiences. These books are filled with invaluable wisdom, shared eloquently, from someone who's already been there.

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