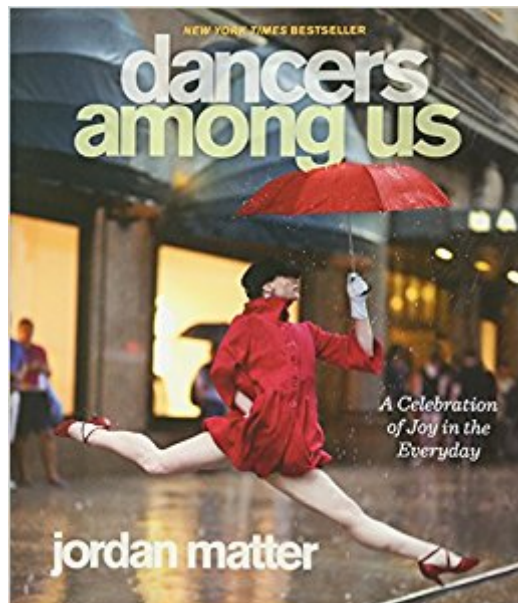




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Dancers Among Us: A Celebration Of Joy In The Everyday



Synopsis

The mystery of the body in motion. The surprise of seeing what seems impossible. And the pure, joyful optimism of it all. *Dancers Among Us* presents one thrilling photograph after another of dancers leaping, spinning, lifting, kicking—*but in the midst of daily life: on the beach, at a construction site, in a library, a restaurant, a park.* With each image the reader feels buoyed up, eager to see the next bit of magic. Photographer Jordan Matter started his *Dancers Among Us* Project by asking a member of the Paul Taylor Dance Company to dance for him in a place where dance is unexpected. So, dressed in a commuter's suit and tie, the dancer flew across a Times Square subway platform. And in that image Matter found what he'd been searching for: a way to express the feeling of being fully alive in the moment, unself-conscious, present. Organized around themes of work, play, love, exploration, dreaming, and more, *Dancers Among Us* celebrates life in a way that's fresh, surprising, original, universal. There's no photoshopping here, no trampolines, no gimmicks, no tricks. Just a photographer, his vision, and the serendipity of what happens when the shutter clicks.

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"Breathtaking photos to free your imagination." *• Diane Sawyer, ABC World News* "Bodies of breathtaking grace and agility transform ordinary spaces, seemingly defying gravity as they plié and pirouette through busy streets, a record shop, along a heliport tarmac, and under the Santa Monica boardwalk." *• O, The Oprah Magazine* "In his shots of dancers in flight on sidewalks and city streets *• excitable superheroes among us* *• Matter has produced a series of mini-musicals, frozen in time but full of energy.* *• The Washington Post* "It's a rare book that contains anything of interest on the copyright page, but this caught my eye: *• No trampolines or other devices were used in the taking of the photographs in this book, and the dancers' poses have not been digitally enhanced or altered.* *• It's not hard to see why the author felt that such a disclaimer was necessary; the photographs in this book are unbelievable.* *• Smithsonian Magazine* "The pictures in *Dancers Among Us* of pro hoofers getting their jet *• on in public is a call to find the joy in everyday life* *• and to give in to that urge to boogie no matter where or when it hits you.* *• Redbook* "Honest and spontaneous, his pictures are sure to resonate with dancers and non-dancers alike." *• Dance magazine* "This book is something you should pick up every time you have forgotten that there is wit and beauty in the world *• literally all around us.* *• Alan Cumming, Tony Award-winning actor* " *• Exuberance is beauty,* *• wrote William Blake, and seeing everyday situations made beautiful by these dancers* *• joyful exuberance made me feel happier from its first pages. A wonderful book!* *• Gretchen Rubin, author of The Happiness Project* "It takes only a moment to be present, but it takes great artistry to capture that moment forever. [These] photographs make time stand still, and for that moment, you question whether the impermanence of life is indeed inevitable." *• Jennifer Grey, actress, winner of Dancing with the Stars* "This book renders one speechless. But if forced to utter a few words: amazing, original, beautiful, and grand." *• Amy Krouse Rosenthal, creator of The Beckoning Lovely* "This book is a fabulous expression of loving life (whether working or playing) and living fully (whether grieving or dreaming). The amazing photos wholly transform our view of everyday activities. I wonder, if we could see into peoples' souls, would we see them dancing just like this?" *• Sharon Salzberg, author of Real Happiness* "I can't stop gazing at the photographs in this remarkable book. They're visually stunning, but that's just the beginning. Jordan Matter's dancers show us what it means to dream and to grieve, to live and to love. In other words, what it means to be human." *• Susan Cain, author of Quiet* "These images are exuberant, egalitarian, and warmly insouciant. One senses a true collaborative spirit between

Jordan Matter and his extremely game subjects, and this spirit spills over onto the viewer. Every page invites us to practice the art of boundless imagination. • Leah Hager Cohen, author of *The Grief of Others*

For my bachelor's degree, I studied theatre and dance, and although I'm not a great dancer, I am amazed at the ability to control your body with such precision. This book is the epitome of that precision, and puts it into an everyday context. I love the book, and think the photography is simply stunning, though, I have to admit that I'm quite jealous that Jordan Matter created these beautiful images and not me. I got into photography because of dance, I wanted to capture the beauty, and at some point that got away from me and I started photographing pets and products and weddings. This reminds me of why I got into this field, and what it was that made me fall in love with the arts. I highly recommend this book, as I've shown it to many non-dancer friends and they all say the same thing. It is inspirational, creative, and most importantly, extremely enjoyable!!!

I love it

Jordan has a really unique style and pays attention to the details. The book is really fun to look through whether you're a dancer or not!

A collection of lighthearted photographs showing dancers practicing their art in incongruously every day settings. My personal favorite is a setting that appears to be mountains of coal at an industrial setting. On top of a pile of coal, we see only the lower legs of a person wearing jeans - and ballet slippers, standing on point atop the refuse. Many pictures will bring a smile to your face. A few, maybe even a tear.

Got this book at the library to look at it for it looked interesting. Found it so wonderful ended up buying a copy. It is filled with the most wonderful photos and in the back of the book it tells who is in the photo and how they shot it. Not Photo-shopping...just wonderful "how did they do THAT" PHOTOS. Each nite before I go to bed I look at one photo. Study and enjoy it and read how it was done. This is a great book. Very special to those who love, enjoy and appreciate the talent of dancers and the eye of a totally fab photograhper. Barb K

Absolutely beautiful book. I have it both in hardcover and in Kindle format on my iPad. The photos

are amazing and the sort you stop and look at for a while. Being able to zoom in on specific areas and such, on the iPad, is a real pleasure. The stories are fun and add truly interesting background to the pictures. This book made me go looking for anything else done by Jordan Matter...

Beautifully staged dancers Really love the Dancers at Night alternative. Not only amazing dancers and stances, but the locations, photography and nudes make his (Jordan Matter) second book really a great deal !!

Beautiful images magically transposed over the every day! My only question...where are the rest of the pictures??? There are pics in the book not on the website and pics on the website not in the book. So I'm betting there are more pics not shown on or in either? Must have more!!!

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