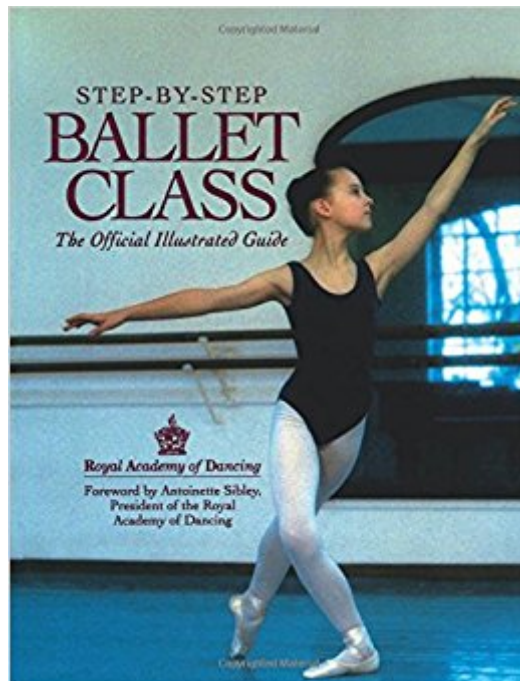




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# Step-By-Step Ballet Class: The Official Illustrated Guide



## Synopsis

Seven lessons follow a young dancer's development, from basic positions and postures to more advanced levels.

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## Customer Reviews

This title follows the updated International Examination Syllabus by illustrating a selection of exercises for pre-primary through grade five students taught at the Royal Academy of Dancing. Professional preparation is also discussed. Unfortunately, the illustrated instruction assumes a high level of knowledge and instructional assistance for comprehension, and access to the glossary is restricted by its awkward placement on page 14, between "How To Tie the Ribbons" and "Taking an Examination." Of greatest interest is the section that tracks a day in the life of two ballet students and provides eight short autobiographies of international dancers. For instructional purposes, the format is simply outmoded, as many dance guides are now on videocassette, including the Royal Academy's own 1991 videocassette, *Grades Examinations Syllabus for Girls and Boys*. For comprehensive dance collections only. Irene Herold, Monmouth Coll. Lib., Ill. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 4-6. A guide to classwork at the Royal Academy of Dancing in England, this book details everything from dress, hair, and shoes to advice on finding a good ballet school and taking dance examinations. A chapter on each class level explains the correct positions and movements for

typical exercises, with clear black-and-white pencil drawings of children performing each step. First-person narratives of dancers at various stages of their careers and two sections of full-color performance photographs provide information and inspiration for young dancers, but the book's main value is its no-nonsense approach to the everyday practice of ballet. Carolyn Phelan

...this book is okay ONLY AS A SUPPLEMENT to the RAD syllabus. You MUST buy that in order for this book to make ANY sense. There are too many lessons skipped to make heads or tails of this book. Other than that, nice illustrations and progression. But DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK if you are expecting it to be a blow by blow breakdown of each and every lesson taught in the RAD syllabus (which is misleading because the title of the book is "Step-by-Step").

Awesome book! If you wanna learn how to teach a ballet class, this is a good guide.

This wonderful book so beautifully done this fully illustrated, was the feeling among my fellow ballet, because here there these books is achieved, I made a wise choice, I am very happy, I use it to prepare lessons of my students and to enable me better myself. All are in love with the book. Live paid all copied. I recommend it highly.

I got this book cause I started taking adult ballet classes, so it was a very good reference book. I really enjoyed reading it and a good book to come back to afterwards. As a download on my kindle, it worked very well without freezing up. So in my opinion, this is a good book for anyone that loves ballet and looking for a guide to ballet.

The book is a nice reference, but a little weak in the syllabus. I was hoping for a more thorough class to add to what I already teach. The pictures are pencil drawings and very well done. I've mostly skimmed the book for new ideas which there were some. I think this is a book more for the beginning teacher as well as beginning student.

I have been trying to find a program that can work for everyone and this one is it. I have taken Royal Academy classes when I was young and still remember a few things but this book gives a number or skill developments that I did not remember and can use for my students.

This book was purchased to encourage my daughter with lesson plans for teaching toddlers, and it

was perfect. Highly recommended.

great teaching tool. I use it weekly for reference when making my lesson plans or just even to use for refreshing the old brain.

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