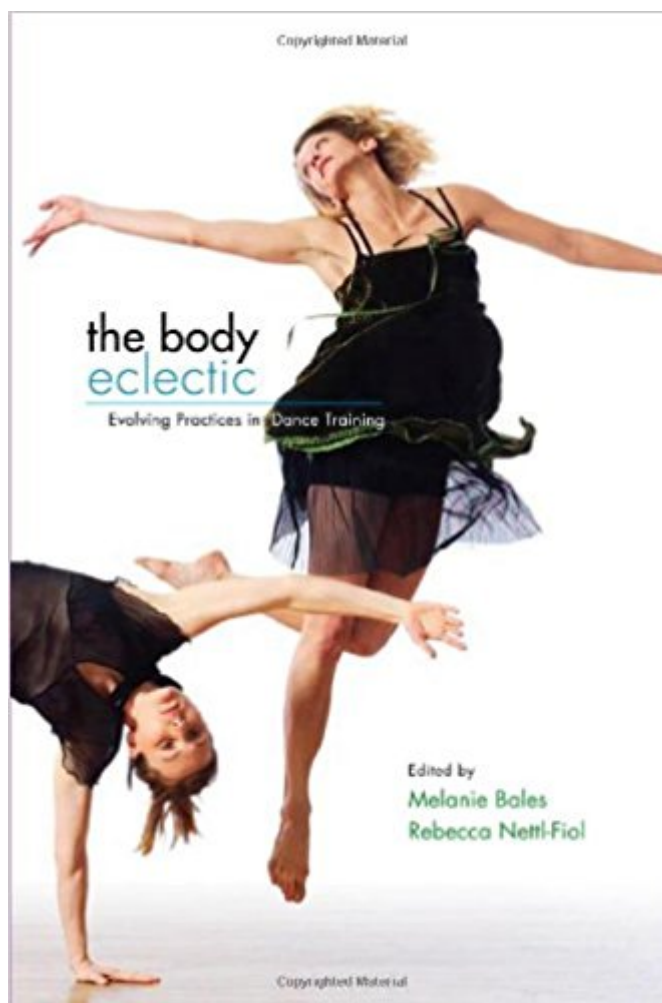


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# The Body Eclectic: Evolving Practices In Dance Training



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Dittman, Natalie Gilbert, Joshua Monten, Martha Myers, and Rebecca Netti-Fiol. Dance professionals interviewed include David Dorfman, Ralph Lemon, Bebe Miller, Tere O'Connor, and Shelley Washington. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

All practitioners of Modern Dance in all its entirety should soak up this book with enthusiasm. It is informative, accessible and if your line of enquiry includes any questions about Somatics in dance and dance training, this book is for you without a doubt. It will lead you into further enquiry and affirm your interest. I highly recommend it and hope that it inspires more dancers and trainers to embrace Somatics with a clearer understanding of the depth that it can bring.

I found this book to be helpful in understanding movement pedagogy and approaches that can/should be utilized. I particularly enjoyed Melanie Bales article "Falling, Releasing and Post-Judson Dance." This book would be a useful tool for anyone with the desire to research and/or practice movement pedagogy.

I am finding the discourse in this book inspiring and helpful while I grapple with my own questions and concerns regarding "teaching" dance technique. I am very glad that I bought it!

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