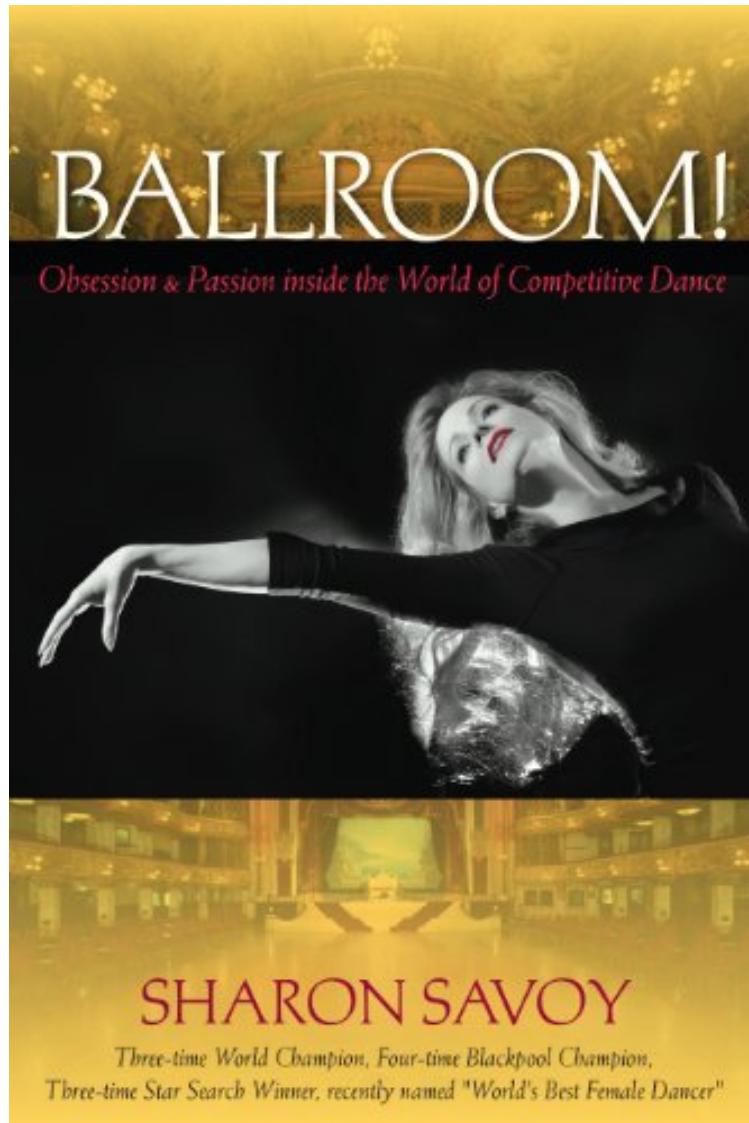


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This memoir by four-time exhibition-style Blackpool champion Savoy . . . offers a backstage pass to a world that is part dance, part sport, and part art. Dance Studio Life"About the AuthorSharon Savoy won her first World Exhibition title at Madison Square Garden in 1984 and twenty years later ended her competitive ballroom exhibition career by winning the 2004 World Exhibition Dance Championships. She is a four-time Blackpool Exhibition Champion, a three-time World Champion, and three-time Star Search winner. She has performed in film, at the Kennedy Center, during the Sydney Olympics, and around the world.