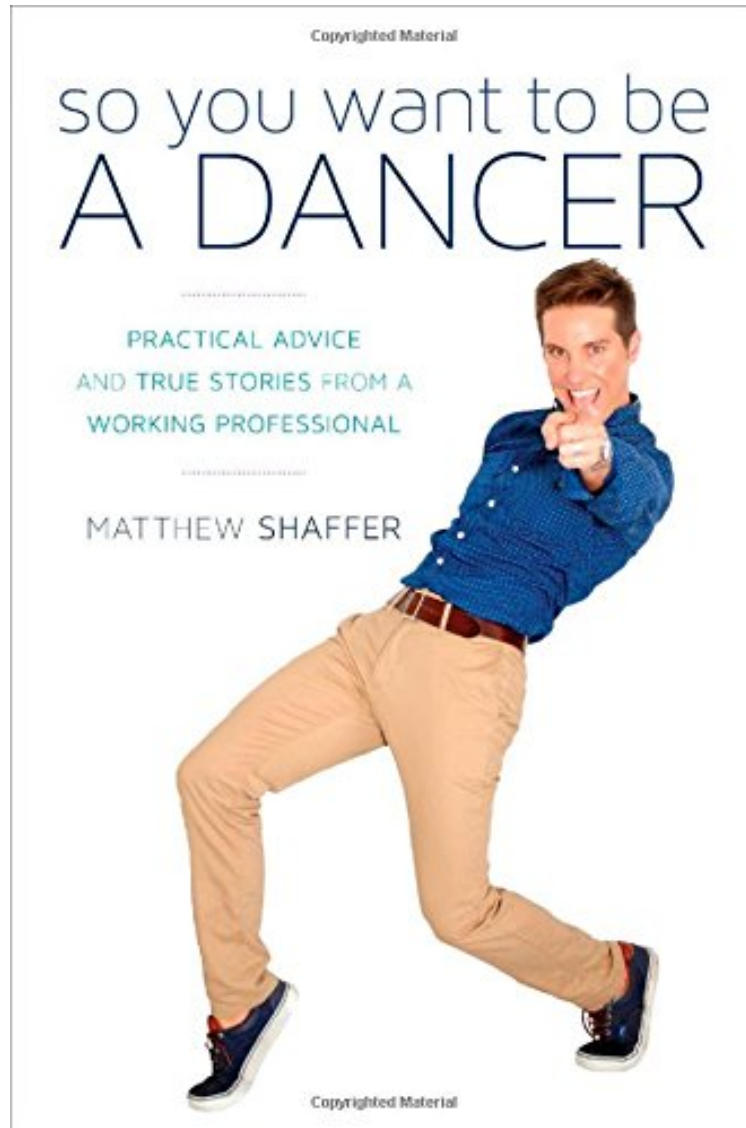


So You Want to Be a Dancer: Practical Advice and True Stories from a Working Professional

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Matthew Shaffer shares with hilarious wit and snark how to take your passion for dance from performance to profitBy Jennifer Oliver O'ConnellThis is an exceptionally well-written,

engaging, funny, and helpful book for dancers and those who love and support them. Matthew has crafted his book for a wide-ranging audience, from pre-teen ingenue to middle-aged parent. Interspersed with #DanceNotes and kitschy mini-anecdotes, Matthew's engaging and cleverly crafted tidbits are served in bite-sized portions for easy digestion and future research and reference. He is a storyteller, no doubt, and in his book he regales the reader with true tales from his professional life to illustrate and reinforce his sagacious and astute advice. In this not-so-new Millennium, Matthew's advice to "not let anyone define who you are or what you are capable of," can be applied across the spectrum of career pursuit. Shaffer reassures the reader, "Follow your passion and trust in your path. You control your future." This is excellent encouragement not just for dancers, actors, and other creative folk, but for the 9-to-5 average Joe. Shaffer's prescriptions can be applied to anyone who wants to create meaningful work that impacts others, whether they're a dancer or a dietician.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A MUST READ if considering dance as a life choice...or are a mom of a child who is!

By Customer I'm a dance mom part time, but a full time pharmacist who takes care of patients all day and really has no idea of the inside dance world. Matthew's book is a "must read" for any mom in my situation who has a child ready to go to college for dance...and does not know what life has in store for them! I read the book in a day as Matthew's writing kept me engrossed so that I couldn't put it down. I definitely laughed out loud as I was reading, but now also understand the serious hard work it take to "make it" in this competitive business. The reference material in the back of the book is vital for those making life and college choices...thank you, Matthew, for putting it all in one place for me! And thank you for sharing your inspiring stories!

:) 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Every dance parents NEEDS to read this book!

By Callie Johnson-Schouten From the moment I opened this book, I knew this is finally the book that every dance parent needs to read. As a professional dancer, it is like reading your own thoughts about the industry you could never put into words!!! Finally a book that touches base on the realities of being/having a child with talent... And what to do with that talent! I laughed! I cried! I cheered! I applaud Matthew Schaffer on writing a book I wish I would have had as a young dancer itching to work professionally. BRAVO!!! I will recommend it to EVERYONE!!!

Matthew Shaffer's more than twenty years as a performer, choreographer, director, Broadway collaborator, writer, and producer has allowed him opportunities to work with celebrities like Megan Mullally, Ben Stiller, and the elite competition team of Dance Moms. *So You Want to Be a Dancer* is the ultimate book for anyone who has to fight the urge to sashay down grocery store aisles or school hallways. Shaffer discusses everything from how to break into the industry to practical advice from how to audition and book a job to dealing with movie stars on-set. *So You Want To Be A Dancer* is a must-read for any creative entrepreneur, aspiring artist pursuing a career in today's social media-savvy society, or anyone who savors the heartfelt journey of an artist.

Matthew Shaffer has written the kind of book I wish I would have had available to me as a young dancer. This is a great guide for young dancers and parents alike to understand the many different aspects of this crazy world we call 'show business'. If you are a dancer wanting to know more, I recommend you read this book! (Mandy Moore, two-time Emmy Award nominated choreographer, *So You Think You Can Dance*) If you're planning a career in the industry as a dancer, do yourself a favor and read Matthew's book. His stories shed light into a world that is often difficult to navigate. It is full of insight and will inform you in invaluable ways. (Kenny Ortega, three-time Emmy Award winning director and choreographer whose work includes *High School Musical* and *Dirty Dancing*) Matthew has created great insight into the world of dance. Such important information for any dancer! (Tyce Diorio, Emmy Award winning choreographer and artistic director)

About the Author Matthew Shaffer wrote, directed, and starred in his first production when he was seven years old and has been entertaining audiences (and family members) ever since! When Matthew isn't busy performing on stage and screen, he's traveling the globe as a master teacher and dance judge, and collaborating and creating work with Jeff Payton and their production company, A Group Production, in Los Angeles, California. For more please visit: www.MatthewShaffer.com and follow @FunnyShaffer on Instagram Twitter.