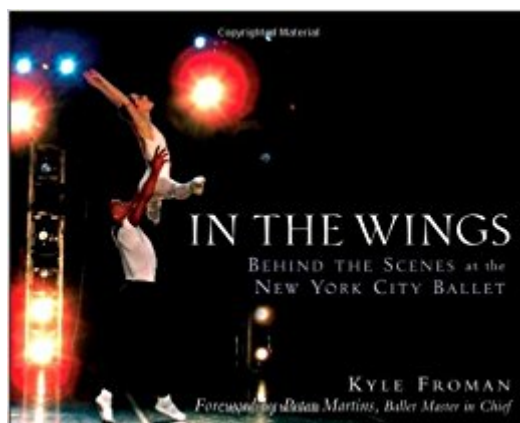


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# In The Wings: Behind The Scenes At The New York City Ballet



## Synopsis

Here is New York City Ballet as it really is- the good, the not so good, and the majestically beautiful. It's a true story, and it's told by someone who can honestly claim that he was there.

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Finally a book has been put together showing the daily grind of what dancers go through. The book unfolds like a typical day when New York City Ballet is in performance season, and follows the dancers from morning class, through physical therapy, into the rehearsal studios, and finally onto the stage. It is amazing to see the human beings behind the images of perfection onstage. The reader feels a combination of exhaustion and exhilaration as the backstage life is juxtaposed with the breathtaking beauty that culminates in the performance. Definitely a book for anyone interested in the arts, photography, or athletes. Won't disappoint.

If you like great photography, beautiful writing, or dance, this is a book you have to buy. If you like all three, you are in great luck. Every page is a treasure. The moment I saw it in the store, I realized how lucky I was to find it. If you are a fan of the New York City Ballet, or just dream about it, you will feel you are truly part of the experience of one of America's great institutions. This is also the kind of book you can give to everyone on your holiday list and be confident they will love it -- classy, fun, and wonderful to have.

Rarely do I write in about purchases I've made, but *In The Wings* deserves mention. I bought this book for my daughter, a twelve-year old aspiring dancer, but when it arrived in the mail, I found myself completely immersed in it. I don't consider myself a ballet buff. What I immediately identified with was the dancers' devotion to their art. I loved the fact that Froman didn't portray this world as sugary sweet. In page after page of gorgeous photography, he showed what it was like to devote yourself to something, what it takes from you, and what it gives back. Bravo, Kyle Froman

If you've ever wanted to get a true behind the scenes view of one of the world's greatest ballet companies this is it. Kyle's unique perspective and access is a revelation. From class to performance you will get a backstage pass and get to know the dancers in the most intimate way possible. I highly recommend this book for dance aficionados and 'beginners' alike.

I wish this book would have received more attention upon its release. It is a fabulous book of photographs and commentary from someone, a dancer, on the inside at New York City Ballet and is filled with images, wonderful images, that one would likely not otherwise see in any other ballet book. For the fan of NYCB it's a must have, but would be equally at home on the shelf of any ballet or photography fan. Mr. Froman has produced a keeper. Bravo!!!

This book is not another valentine to the New York City Ballet - it's far more authentic than that, and far more important. It's an often poignant look at what it's been like for this thoughtful, creatively gifted dancer to grow up in the company, with all the joys and disappointments that come with that surreal but privileged life. I've always thought of Kyle Froman as a beautiful dancer, but as it turns out he's also a gifted photographer and an elegant writer as well. His photographs and his words have a penetrating honesty, and the book succeeds so brilliantly because it rings so true.

*In The Wings* is a wonderful book to own especially if you or the person you're buying the book for has had dance training. It's a wonderful look at everything you don't see before the performance. The morning warm up, ten-minute break, and exhausting rehearsals. My only gripe is that it's small! I was hoping this would be a coffee table book but it is in fact compact and very easy to take around. The pictures and commentary are fabulous and give an in depth look into the goings on of the NYCB. Highly recommended for the content and both black and white and color photographs. Only downer is the size, but that is easily looked past when you see what an amazing book this is.

I loved this book! Kyle gives a unique inside perspective into the mysterious behind-the-scenes world of professional ballet from the arduous hours of practice to the beauty that results on stage at the end of the day. I had the fortune of meeting Kyle more than 20 years ago early in his dance career. He was extremely talented of course, but sweet, humble, funny and relatable. . .someone you want to be friends with. I felt these same qualities shine through in his writing and beautiful photographs. As a former dancer, this book reignited the flame for dance I once had and has inspired me to seek more dance related content. I vow to go see a New York City Ballet performance before I die! My only complaint. . .I was sad for it to end.

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