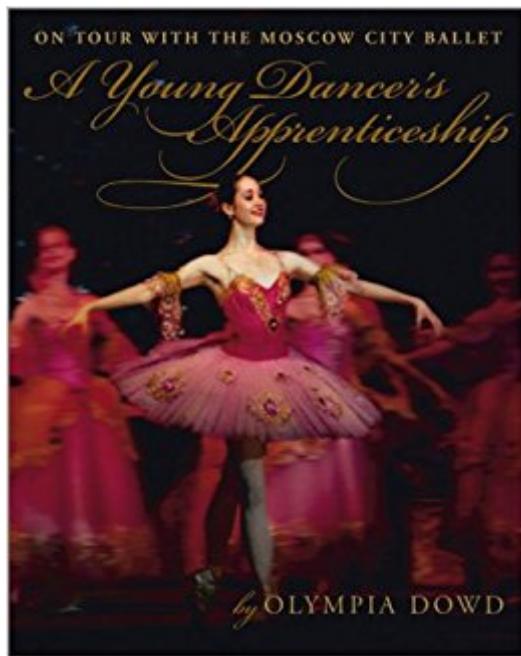


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# Young Dancer'S Apprenticeship, A (Single Titles)



## **Synopsis**

This is the inspiring true story of a young Canadian ballerina's elevation to soloist with the Moscow City Ballet. At the tender age of fourteen, talented dancer Olympia Dowd was plucked from the obscurity of a Vancouver ballet workshop and offered a life-altering opportunity: She was selected to dance with the Moscow City Ballet on its tour of Asia and Northern Europe. In her own words, Olympia describes the highs and lows of her remarkable experience, included the months of training in Russia and the rigors of touring with a professional ballet. Spectacular photographs of Olympia's unique odyssey--the behind-the-scenes grind, the rare moments of relaxation, and the hard-won public triumph--complement the story on every page. Here is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure seen through the eyes, emotions and words of an ordinary adolescent with an extraordinary talent.

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"The writing is clear, informal, and direct." -- School Library Journal "This volume is a marvelous photo essay that dancers and nondancers alike will enjoy." -- Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)

At fourteen, Olympia Dowd was offered a job as a soloist with the Moscow City Ballet. She toured with the ballet company for a year, traveling through Asia and Europe. Today, she lives in Vancouver and continues to pursue a career in dance. She has also won the gold medal at the XII

## Brasilia International Dance Competition.

An excellent book with amazing photography of Olympia's journey. I would recommend this book for anyone but particularly aspiring dancers. She's now my really fantastic ballet teacher in Canada so I especially enjoyed it.

This book was exceptionally well-written and very hard to put down - excellent photos too! I loved reading about Olympia's experiences dancing in Russia - I used this book as my travel guide and packing checklist to prepare for my own dancing adventure in Russia! Not only is this an entertaining book, but it is full of practical advice as well.

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