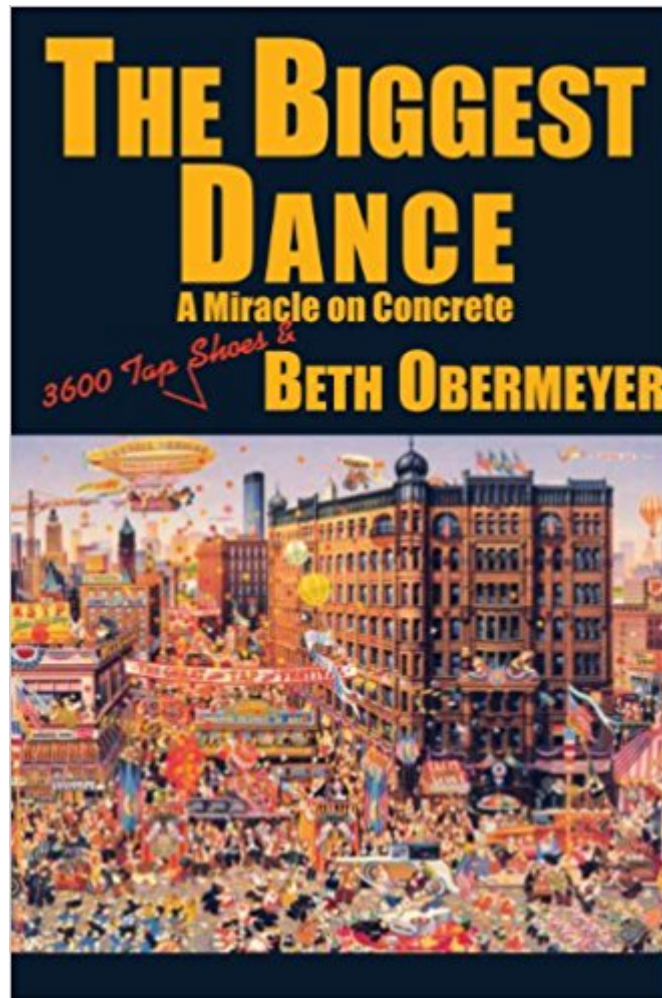




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The Biggest Dance



Synopsis

One October evening 1,801 tap dancers shuffled and clicked their way down Hennepin Avenue to open their arts center the first flash mob, decades before the Internet and set a Guinness World Record. The upbeat tapping paved the way for a new image for the downtown thoroughfare, for all the townspeople had signed up. Church ladies tapped beside ladies of the street already in fishnets. Families, lovers, and dancing schools too, joined in the dance, more alike than different with tap shoes on their feet. And it just goes to show you thousands, millions of people have a warm spot in their heart their tap shoes hanging back behind the old tennis racket, somewhere. Garrison Keillor, A Prairie Home Companion, guest appearance; 6:57 p.m., New Year s Eve, 1983 Looks like a scene in Rosalie, all those tap-dancers. Eleanor Powell, 1930s film star . . . TappersÃ A who are good, some who are oh-so-bad and then, the great ones, should read this book because it is about the joy of tapping by a woman who loves it and it shows. Enjoy! Barbara Flanagan, Minneapolis Star Tribune, columnist This is a story that will dance its way into your heart . . . Kate St. Vincent Vogl, author of Lost and Found I can't wait to read both books! What fun you have provided for all. Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chairman, Carlson Companies

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Beth Obermeyer used her journalism degree and a lifetime of dance and music to start her own event/public relations company. Six TA DA! Special Events went into Guinness World Records. On the faculty of the Minnesota Dance Theatre, Beth soloed with the Minnesota Orchestra in the Tap-Dance Concerto as well as opposite Christopher Plummer, Gregory Hines, and Garrison Keillor, all in Minnesota performances. And now, Beth is a dancer who writes.

Even knowing that the dance was a huge success, I couldn't put this book down. I had to know how she was going to do it! It is a beautiful coming together of dancers and non dancers alike believing in the vision of one amazing woman and that woman's faith they would come! She brought a whole community together to share their joy of "oneness".

Obermeyer's book is a charming story of an idea that others discouraged from the beginning but she was determined to see through to the end. It is an easy, yet compelling read that keeps you wondering how and if she'll make it. She was quite honest in revealing the challenges and mistakes along the way, making it a very human story of friends and not so friendly people who could have helped her more. After reading this, you will never look at a large-scale event without imagining all the work and optimism that went into it. I give it five stars!

I had a girlfriend that went to tap lessons when we were kids. This book is about tap dancing and how it reflects on people's lives. Dance of any kind is a way to bring people together, but there is something special that happens when people can tap dance in synch. This is an interesting and wonderful book about people and how dance has affected their lives. I highly recommend it.

This is a wonderful book about a community dance experience. The author tells a charming story and allows the reader a sweet insight into her own personal journey. To pull off an event of this size and complexity is a tale in itself, but the heart of the story is the woman who dared to dream big. A lovely lovely book!

So delighted with this find - a charming, heart-warming story about what's possible when everyone comes together. A Mid-western dream, a wonderful tale. The energy Obermeyer brings to the stage

she also brings to the page. You'll cheer her on as she brings together dancers and dreamers to set a Guinness world record! A great read.

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