



Classical Dance: Specifications

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Wisdom Tree. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Classical Dance: Specifications, Sonal Mansingh, Dance in India has been deemed sacred because of its innate capacity to visualise and actualise the deepest philosophical concepts through gestures, movements and the art of suggestion. Immediate collective transcendence is possible only through dance when the dancer disappears and melts away in the dance and when the audience is transported to the realm of 'rasa srishti', the pure aesthetic delight. Any attempt to transcribe and describe dance through words is bound to remain incomplete as dance is a visual art. In India, it has sat atop a pyramid of various art forms which have had an oral and written history. As dance in India freely uses literary and poetic works taken from all vernacular languages, its repertory is rich beyond imagination. Vocal and instrumental music provides a constant accompaniment to translate ideas contained in these literary texts. Profusion of intricately carved sculptures on temple-walls have kept the forms alive even through dark periods of unsympathetic foreign rule. Dance has inspired a wealth of stone, metal and wood carvings, frescoes, murals and miniature paintings as well as textiles reflecting a panorama of dance movements. Special ornaments in...



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