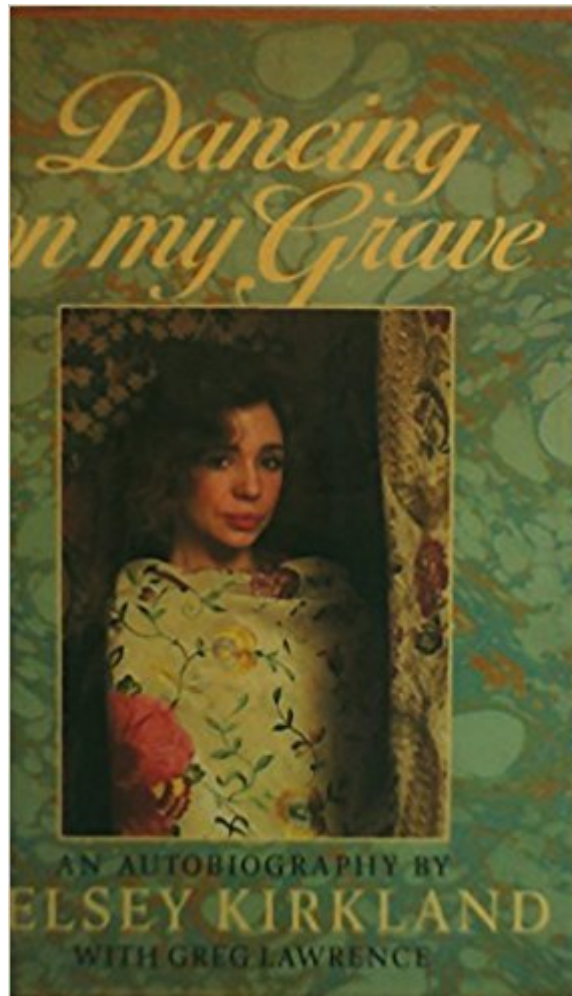




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Gelsey Kirkland manages to take you first hand into the secret and most hidden world of the Ballet. I find her extremely open and her descriptions are raw and realistic with no apologies for the reality that is being a prima ballerina and belonging to the prestigious American Ballet. She begins her story from a young girl living the Hollywood style life provided by her famous playwright father Jack Kirkland. It gives you a insight on how and why she shaped her future. She is candid and humble in her descriptions and reasonings and does not leave much to the imagination. I found it compelling as I have had a brief history myself doing ballet, but now after reading Gelsey's bio have a very strong understanding to as why now I am not a ballerina! These women and men are truly gifted human beings who's art of dance is truly something to be admired. Saying that, Gelsey leads you

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I got this book and then finals came up. I have not had time to read it. But when the semester is over.....

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