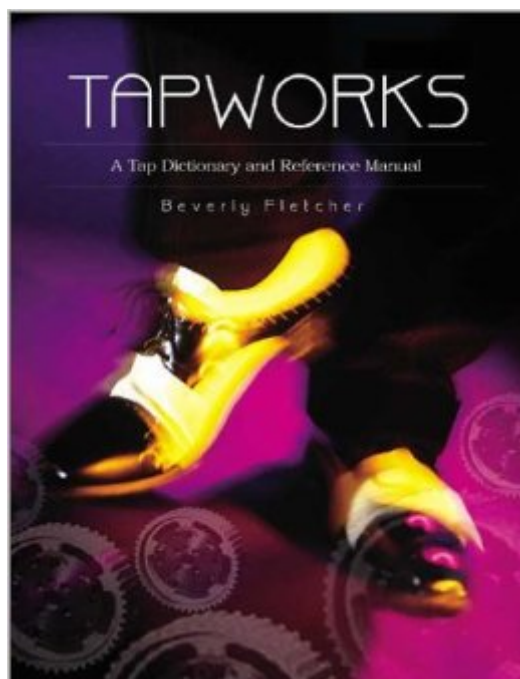


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# Tapworks: A Tap Dictionary And Reference Manual



## Synopsis

As the official reference manual of the Dance Masters of America, this tap dance resource contains more than 1,500 up-to-date entries about every facet of this uniquely American art form. It provides a history of tap dance as well as the dancers who defined it. This manual also includes a comprehensive dictionary of tap and dance terminology with a special section devoted to teachers.

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This book is fantastic! It starts off with the history of tap, little blurbs about significant people, social events, major tap moves, tap styles, etc. It's a lot of fun! From there it has over 100 pages of A-Z tap moves, sounds, timesteps and more. They are clearly written, cover all alternate names, and walks through each sound with the appropriate counting. The book wraps up with suggestions for what ought to be taught at each tap level. Very helpful! I'm tap teacher and I love using this book for class. I have "oh, that's what you call it!" and "I didn't know this combo had a name!" moments! I'm a teacher, but this book teaches me!

A must have for any tap enthusiast. Tapworks contains a brilliant history of some of the most popular steps such as the "shuffle off to buffalo" and various "time steps." It breaks down steps in an easy to decipher fashion. I learned so many new steps that were fun and easy to teach. Bev Fletcher is a master of tap. Us students need to learn all she has to offer to keep tap dance alive in the millennium.

Very precise and articulated for those who already have a tap background. I wouldn't recommend it for those wanting to learn tap because of its shorthand way of breaking down steps. The history portion is nice, too. And all of my spelling questions were answered! Hearing the names of steps for years and years and never seeing them in print means that you come up with some creative spellings. Mystery solved!

I bought this as a reference tool. It serves that purpose. As other reviewers noted there are some typographical errors. Some steps are a little difficult to figure out from the descriptions. Would I buy it again? Probably.

The book is full of great information but, unfortunately, is written poorly. The rhythms are written in a confusing fashion. My tap teacher, who has edited previous editions of this text, was scandalized when she saw this revised edition.

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