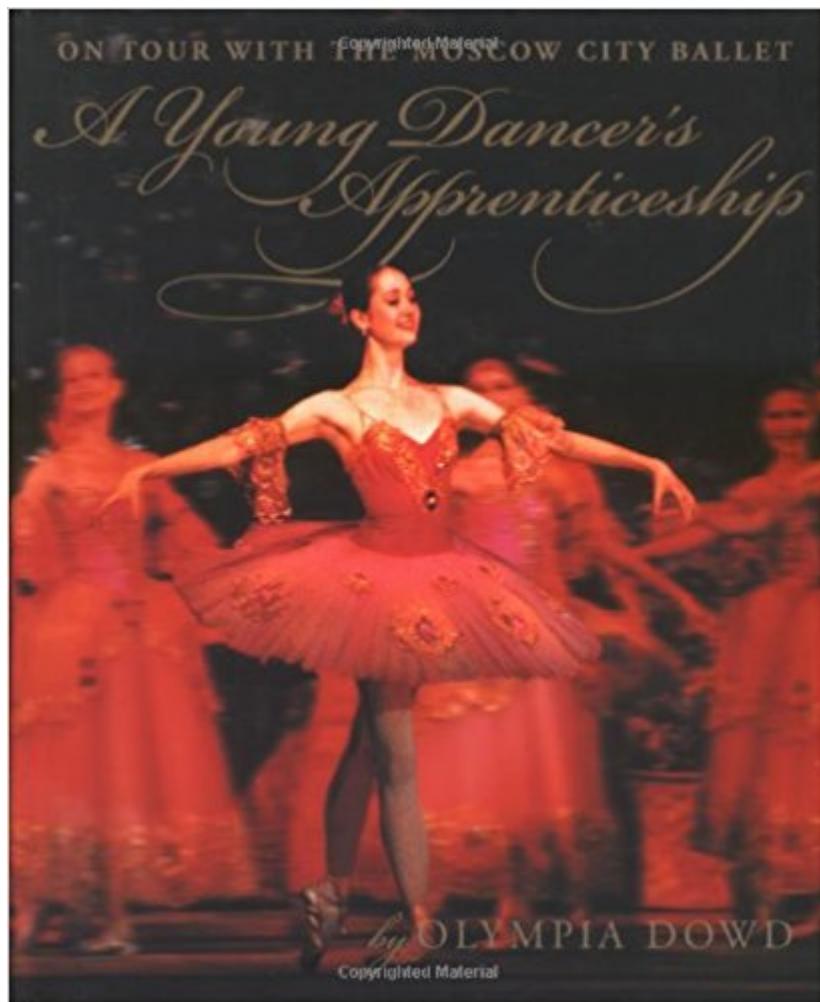


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Synopsis

At 14, Olympia Dowd was plucked from the obscurity of a Vancouver ballet workshop and offered a life-altering opportunity to dance with the Moscow City Ballet on its tour Asia and Europe.

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