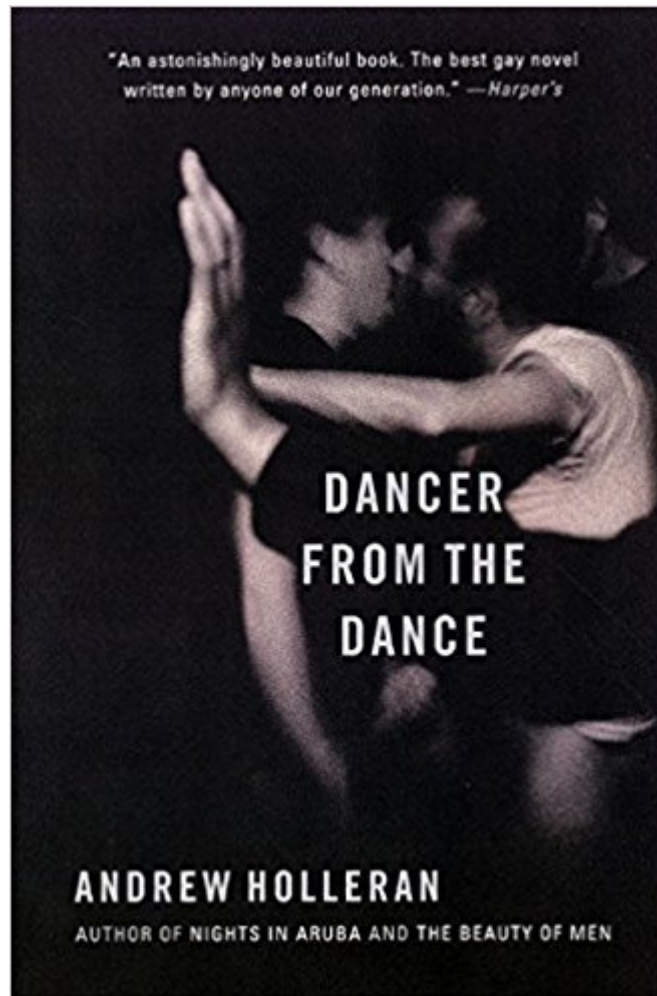




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# Dancer From The Dance: A Novel



## Synopsis

One of the most important works of gay literature, this haunting, brilliant novel is a seriocomic remembrance of things past -- and still poignantly present. It depicts the adventures of Malone, a beautiful young man searching for love amid New York's emerging gay scene. From Manhattan's Everard Baths and after-hours discos to Fire Island's deserted parks and lavish orgies, Malone looks high and low for meaningful companionship. The person he finds is Sutherland, a campy quintessential queen -- and one of the most memorable literary creations of contemporary fiction. Hilarious, witty, and ultimately heartbreaking, *Dancer from the Dance* is truthful, provocative, outrageous fiction told in a voice as close to laughter as to tears.

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## Customer Reviews

Andrew Holleran, a Harvard graduate, is a well-known journalist and frequent contributor to major gay publications. *Dancer from the Dance*, his first novel, was originally published in 1978 to great critical acclaim. He is also the author of *Nights in Aruba*, *The Beauty of Men*, *Ground Zero*, *In the Mirror of Men's Eyes*, and *In September, the Light Changes*.

Holleran is 'old school' gay writer. He can write an excellent gay novel without any graphic sex! The story he tells is everything! Touching sensitive novel of a man called Malone, who comes from wealth and privilege and carves out a niche for himself as a successful, hardworking lawyer. His work is everything but leaves him empty and alone. Then one summer, our lonely virgin, Malone, helps a gardener every day after work...and enjoys it. Why then is Malone tearful and mournful

when the gardener leaves? He has an epiphany!! He is gay! This beautiful untouched man decides to experience gay life and gay men. He quits everything and moves to New York. Malone, (the man who doesn't know how beautiful he is), is an enigma in New York...polite, gay, beautiful, sweet, hot and nice to everyone. Holleran has a wonderful literary gift of putting out phrases that can sum up the feelings of gay men in terms that are easy to understand. eg. "Remember that the vast majority of homosexuals are looking for a superman to love and find it very difficult to love anyone merely human, which we unfortunately happen to be." "The point is that we are not doomed because we are homosexual, we are doomed only if we live in despair because of it.." He describes the life of gays in New York and their favorite haunts where they were happiest.. Fire Island in the summer, the Everard Baths, the discoteques before they were discovered, the endless round of parties that you could never go to until at least 2am! Holleran depends upon his words and turns of phrases to appeal to not only the homosexual but hetero females like me and makes an excellent well-developed story. I love Holleran's writing! They draw the reader into the enigmatic world of gays...their codes, their lifestyle, their mantra and even their cruelty toward each other. Sensitive, stunning, cruel, loving..the world of the gay man in 70's New York is not easy..but Malone makes it look easy.

This is a wonderful book - a powerful, moving, and insightful take on gay male life in a big, party-loving city a couple of decades ago. Not an author I knew of, but I'm glad I discovered him. I'm neither gay nor male, but I spent some of my early and mid-twenties doing a lot of clubbing and partying... And this book very eloquently captures both the glamour and appeal, and the hollow desperation and frenzy, of those endless nights. Beautifully written.

This is a deep and intriguing story into a world that although it still exists, it will never be like it was when it is described here. I couldn't put it down. The writer takes you back in time, into a world of the NY gay life and the love of dance and the discovery of self. It has a sadness about it you feel the loss of something here, be it friendship, or of time, or something else.

Quality novel. Luckily I resided in New York during this time and could relate. Very well written. I first read this many, many years ago and still recall sentences from the novel. I've again purchased the novel, and when ever I read it, I have the same level of exhilaration and excitement page to page.

I read this book for my Queer Lit class in College. I unfortunately sold it when I returned all of my

books and have been looking for it ever since. I finally found it on here and immediately bought a copy! This book is funny, touching, hardcore, raunchy and fun! A must read for anyone, even if you're not into the gay side of literature, it's a heart-stoppingly wonderful book!!

Great! Read it twice in my twenties and, now again at 57. It always takes me back to my youth growing up and playing around in New York City. I lived the gay lifestyle and remember it. I guess I wasn't supposed to? But. I wasn't an angel! Enjoy the read

Gorgeous, evocative, sexy portrait of the late 1970s New York City and Fire Island disco era, before the party ended with the discovery of AIDS in the early 80s. A piece of literature that haunts and heals.

Dancer from the Dance is one of those books that you don't put down between the first word and the last and only pause during the reading to gasp for air at the brilliance of the poetic prose. A glimpse of an era gone by yet still easy to see, and a cast of characters so alive and vibrant you feel as if you could meet them if you visited all the right haunts. It is a must read novel.

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