

# Turning Pointe: The Dance That Changed My Life



## Turning Pointe (The Dance Series Book 5) by Airin Emery

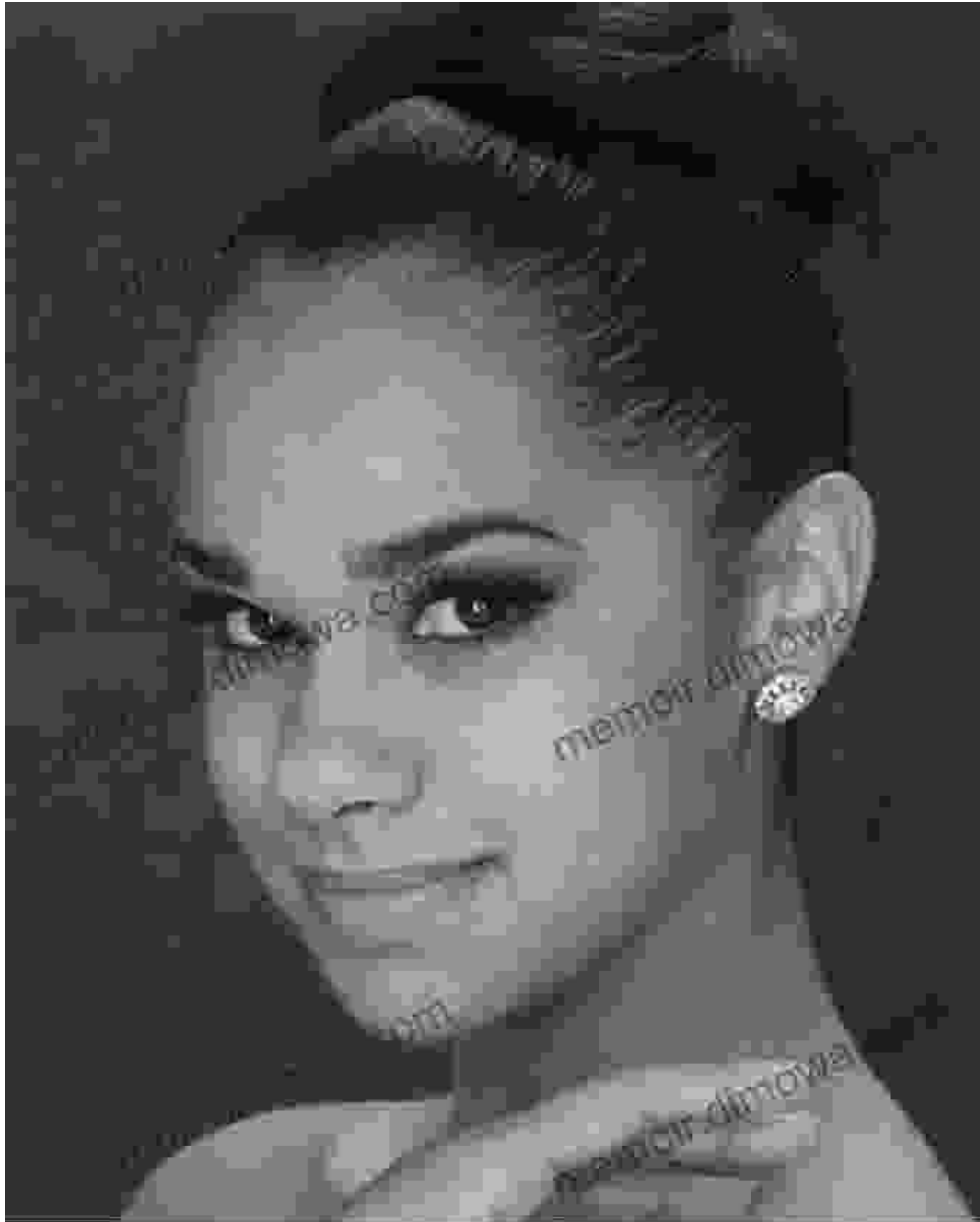
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**By Misty Copeland**

### **Overview**

Turning Pointe is a memoir by ballerina Misty Copeland about her journey to becoming the first African American principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in dance, race, or overcoming adversity.

## **My Journey**

I was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and started dancing at the age of 13. I was immediately drawn to ballet, and I quickly realized that it was my passion. However, I also knew that I would face many challenges as an African American ballerina.

There were very few African American ballerinas at the time, and I often felt like I didn't belong. I was often the only black dancer in my class, and I was often treated differently by my teachers and classmates. But I refused to give up on my dream.

I worked hard and eventually earned a scholarship to the San Francisco Ballet School. I continued to work hard, and in 2001, I joined the American Ballet Theatre. In 2015, I became the first African American principal dancer at the company.

## **The Importance of Representation**

I am proud of what I have accomplished, but I also know that I am just one person. There are still very few African American ballerinas, and I hope that my story will inspire others to pursue their dreams.

I believe that representation is important. When young people see someone who looks like them succeeding in a field, it shows them that it is possible for them to achieve their goals. I hope that my story will help to break down barriers and create a more inclusive world for all dancers.

## **The Power of Dance**

Dance has changed my life in many ways. It has taught me discipline, perseverance, and grace. It has also given me the opportunity to travel the

world and meet amazing people. I am grateful for the gift of dance, and I hope that I can continue to inspire others through my work.

## Reviews

"Turning Pointe is a powerful and inspiring memoir. Misty Copeland's story is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the determination and the courage to follow your dreams."- The New York Times

"Misty Copeland is a role model for all young dancers. Her story is a testament to the power of hard work and perseverance."- The Washington Post

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