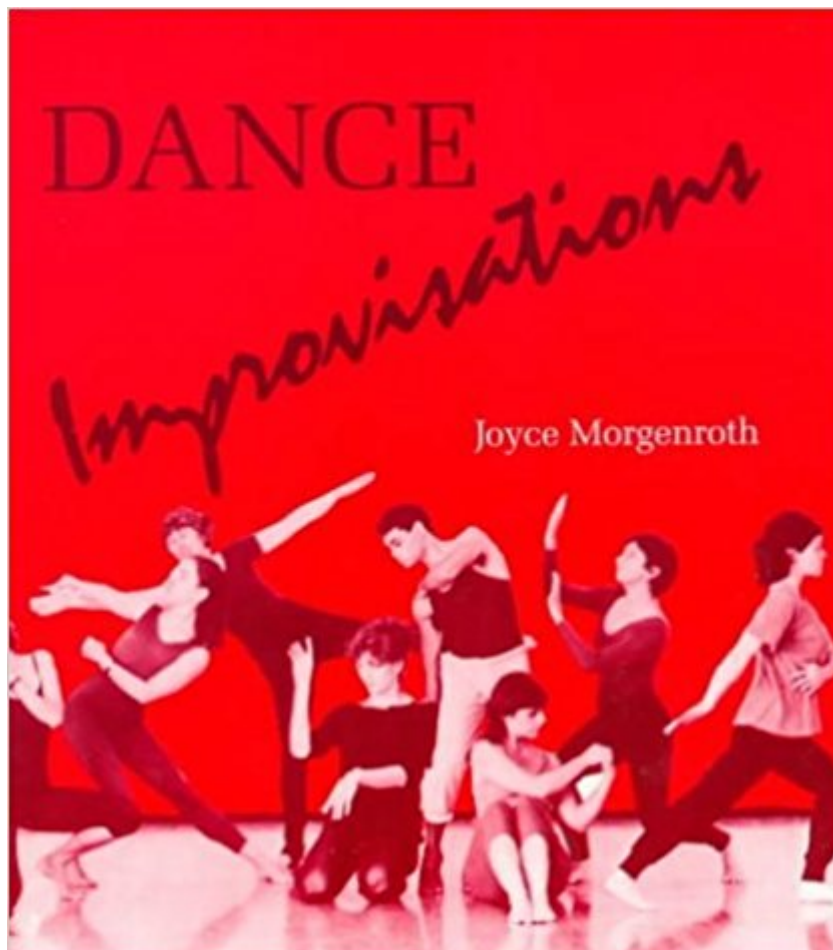




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Joyce Morgenroth has studied at the School of American Ballet and with Merce Cunningham, Dan

Wagoner, and Viola Farber. She has appeared as a guest artist at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Smith College, and Dartmouth College.

I taught improvisation for college students for the first time, and this book was my bible! Cannot say enough about how helpful this book was for a beginning instructor!

Great book!

Talk about ideas. This book has wonderful exercises to explore with friends, a class, and workshops of all kinds. Morgenroth starts with the planning of a session and brings you all the way through time, space, weight dependency, rhythm and breathing to the closure of a session. She details preparation, procedure, variations and observations in a straight forward, to the point manner. The exercises are interesting and stimulate movement in creative ways. I recommend this book to anyone exploring improvisational movement.

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