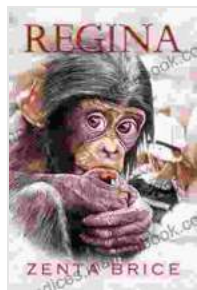


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Early Life and Training

Regina Zenta Brice was born on June 2, 1896, in Madras, Oregon. Her parents were former slaves who had migrated to the United States from Jamaica. Brice began taking dance lessons at the age of seven, and she quickly showed a natural talent for the art form.

In 1913, Brice moved to San Francisco to study with the renowned ballet teacher Adolf Bolm. Bolm recognized Brice's talent and potential, and he encouraged her to pursue a career in classical ballet.

Overcoming Racism

Brice's pursuit of a career in classical ballet was not without its challenges. At the time, there were no African American dancers in major ballet companies. Brice faced racism and discrimination at every turn.

Despite the obstacles, Brice refused to give up on her dream. She continued to train and audition for ballet companies, and she eventually landed a contract with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo in 1927.

International Success

With the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, Brice toured the world, performing to sold-out audiences. She quickly became a star, and her performances were praised by critics and audiences alike.

In 1933, Brice made her debut with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet in New York City. She was the first African American to dance with the company, and her performance was a triumph.

Later Career

Brice continued to perform until the early 1950s. After retiring from the stage, she taught ballet and worked as a choreographer. She also founded the Regina Zenta Brice Dance Company, which provided opportunities for young black dancers.

Legacy

Regina Zenta Brice was a groundbreaking artist who broke down barriers and paved the way for other black dancers to follow in her footsteps. Her

legacy continues to inspire and motivate artists and activists around the world.

Additional Resources

- Official website of Regina Zenta Brice
- American Masters: Regina Zenta Brice
- Dance Magazine: Regina Zenta Brice

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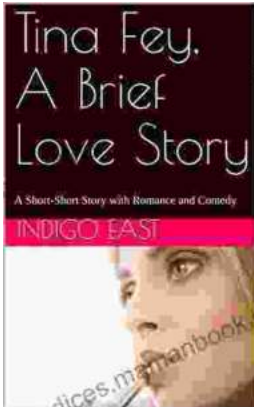
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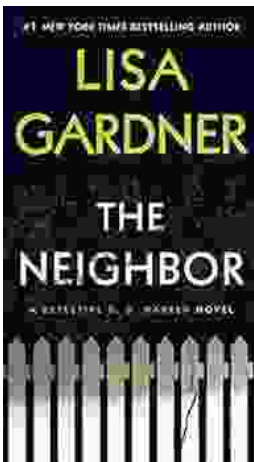
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