

# I, Maya Plisetskaya



Maya Plisetskaya, one of the worlds foremost dancers, rose to become a prima ballerina of Moscows Bolshoi Ballet after an early life filled with tragedy and loss. In this spirited memoir, Plisetskaya reflects on her personal and professional odyssey, presenting a unique view of the life of a Soviet artist during the troubled period from the late 1930s to the 1990s. Plisetskaya recounts the execution of her father in the Great Terror and her mothers exile to the Gulag. She describes her admission to the Bolshoi in 1943, the roles she performed there, and the endless petty harassments she endured, from both envious colleagues and Party officials. Refused permission for six years to tour with the company, Plisetskaya eventually performed all over the world, working with such noted choreographers as Roland Petit and Maurice Bejart. She recounts the tumultuous events she lived through and the fascinating people she met among them the legendary ballet teacher Agrippina Vaganova, George Balanchine, Frank Sinatra, Rudolf Nureyev, and Dmitri Shostakovich. And she provides fascinating details about testy cocktail-party encounters with Khrushchev, tours abroad when her meager per diem allowance brought her close to starvation, and KGB plots to capitalize on her friendship with Robert Kennedy. Gifted, courageous, and brutally honest, Plisetskaya brilliantly illuminates the world of Soviet ballet during an era that encompasses both repression and cultural detente. Still prima ballerina assoluta with the Bolshoi Ballet, Maya Plisetskaya also travels around the world performing and lecturing. At the Bolshois gala celebrating her 75th birthday, President Vladimir Putin presented her with Russias highest civilian honor, the medal for service to the Russian state, second degree. Tim Scholl is professor of Russian language and literature at Oberlin College. Antonina W.

Bouis is the prize-winning translator of more than fifty books, including fiction, nonfiction, and memoirs by such figures as Andrei Sakharov, Elena Bonner, and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Maya Plisetskaya, the ballerina, who has died in Munich aged 89, was the Soviet ballets most famous star of the past half-century, a fiery Editorial Reviews. From Publishers Weekly. This is much more than an artistic memoir it is a courageous account of an era. Plisetskaya was born in Moscow in - 3 min - Uploaded by EuroArtsChannel Maya Plisetskaya is in every sense an exceptional personality. Like almost no other dancer, the Maya Plisetskaya, one of the worlds foremost dancers, rose to become a prima ballerina of Moscows Bolshoi Ballet after an early life filled with tragedy and loss. - 5 min - Uploaded by llee611838 Performing in Tokyo in the 1986 Maya Plisetskaya and Soviet Stars tour. - 8 min - Uploaded by hookham Maya Plisetskaya in British documentary 1986. . - 5 min - Uploaded by ear8002 Maya Plisetskaya conductor . Alexander Sotnikov Red Square, Moscow 1992. Buy I, Maya Plisetskaya by Maya Plisetskaya, Antonina W. Bouis (ISBN: 9780300172478) from Amazons Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery on Maya Plisetskaya, one of the worlds foremost dancers, rose to become a prima ballerina of Moscows Bolshoi Ballet after an early life filled with tragedy and loss. - 40 min - Uploaded by John Clifford Unarguably one of the greatest ballerinas of the second half of the 20th Century, here she is at - 2 min - Uploaded by The Ed Sullivan Show Maya Plisetskaya on The Ed Sullivan Show performing The Dying Swan on December 2nd Maya Plisetskaya, one of the worlds foremost dancers, rose to become a prima ballerina of Moscows Bolshoi Ballet after an early life filled with tragedy, Maya Plisetskaya has 187 ratings and 15 reviews. Arevik said: Absolutely adorable, especially the parts where she wrote about her life with her husband - 5 min - Uploaded by hookham Clip with Maya Plisetskaya and swans, and her dancing The Dying Swan, Lenfilm 1959. Music Maya Mikhailovna Plisetskaya was a Soviet ballet dancer, choreographer, ballet director, and actress, who held in post-Soviet times Spanish and Lithuanian Maya Plisetskaya, who has died aged 89, was one of the most important ballerinas of the Soviet era, becoming, on the retirement of Galina