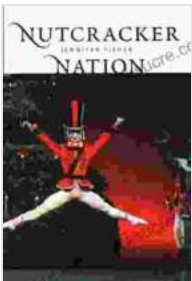


How An Old World Ballet Became Christmas Tradition In The New World

The Nutcracker ballet is one of the most beloved Christmas traditions in the United States. Every year, millions of people attend performances of this enchanting ballet, which tells the story of a young girl named Clara who travels to a magical land filled with dancing dolls, toy soldiers, and a Sugar Plum Fairy.



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But the Nutcracker ballet didn't originate in the United States. It was actually created in 19th-century Germany by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov, two of the most famous ballet choreographers of all time. The ballet was first performed in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1892, and it quickly became a popular holiday tradition there. So how did a ballet from Germany end up becoming one of the most beloved Christmas traditions in the United States?

The story of the Nutcracker's journey to the New World began in the early 20th century. In 1915, a Russian ballet company called the Ballets Russes visited the United States for the first time. The company performed a variety of ballets, including the Nutcracker, and American audiences were immediately captivated by the ballet's beauty and artistry.

The Nutcracker was particularly popular with children, and soon it became a tradition for families to attend performances of the ballet as part of their Christmas celebrations. In the 1950s, the Nutcracker was adapted for television by George Balanchine, the founder of the New York City Ballet. Balanchine's adaptation of the ballet was a huge success, and it helped to introduce the Nutcracker to a new generation of Americans.

Today, the Nutcracker is one of the most popular ballets in the world. It is performed by ballet companies all over the United States and around the world. The ballet has also been adapted into a number of films and television shows, and it has inspired countless other works of art.

The Nutcracker has become a beloved Christmas tradition in the United States for a number of reasons. It is a beautiful and enchanting ballet that tells a timeless story about childhood, magic, and the power of love. The ballet is also a great way to introduce children to classical music and dance. And finally, the Nutcracker is simply a fun and festive way to celebrate the holiday season.

Here are some additional facts about the Nutcracker ballet:

* The ballet is based on the 1816 story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffmann. * The ballet's music was composed by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, one of the greatest composers of all time. * The

Nutcracker is the longest-running ballet in the United States. * The ballet is typically performed in two acts, with a one-hour intermission. * The ballet is known for its lavish sets and costumes, which are often inspired by the Russian Imperial era. * The ballet is a popular choice for children's birthday parties and holiday events.

If you have never seen the Nutcracker ballet, I highly recommend that you attend a performance this holiday season. It is a truly magical experience that will create lasting memories for your family and friends.

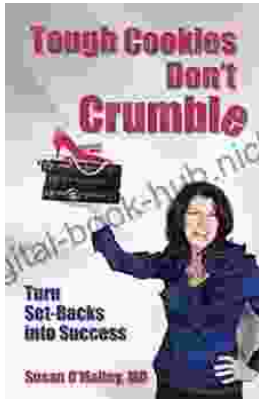


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