

Secret of the Dance

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Secret of the Dance is a novel which explores the problems that are faced by two brothers—Chance and Jeremy Applewhite and their family. Although they were both lovers of dancing, they decided to pursue different careers after graduating from high school. Chance decided to stay with the rest of his family in the town where he grew up and run his own restaurant while dancing occasionally at the studio which he owned. Contrastingly, Jeremy decides to go to New York City to pursue a life of dancing in the city. After seventeen years of being apart, a cold and unwelcoming gap fills their relationship. Chance is displeased when Jeremy comes back home suddenly, especially when he discovers that his daughter, Remi, admires him so much for being a famed dancer that she spends all her time serving him. Jeremy, however, also faces his own heartbreaking grievances. He comes home to discover that his beloved grandmother has died, and feels guilt for never having once called his family back home or had a chance to say good-bye to his grandmother. The stress and animosity between the brothers reaches a peak when a deep family secret is threatened to be told. This book is exceptionally touching, with events that reveal the nature of the human heart. The author creates real, strong characters which contribute to the passion with which the story is written. I think that this story inspires us to be true to our souls, live our lives with zeal, and appreciate the precious times that we share with our families and friends.