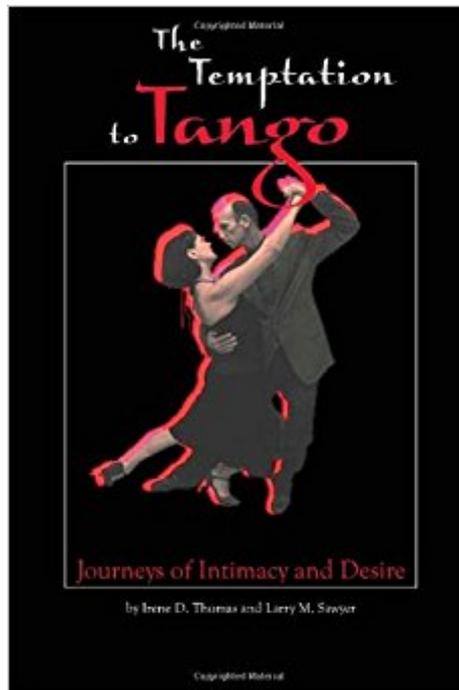


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# The Temptation To Tango: Journeys Of Intimacy And Desire



## Synopsis

Explore the world's most sensual and intimate dance, through stories and memoirs by two avid tangueros. Discover why thousands of people are obsessed with the passion of tango.

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Tango appeals to the very core of our emotional and primeval instincts of dominance and surrender in a most elegant and seductive way. *The Temptation to Tango* by Irene Thomas and Larry Sawyer leads the reader into this magnificent and mysterious world of intimacy in the eternal game of sensuality. Irene has first hand knowledge of the process of learning Argentine tango. Her essays are most informative in a beautifully crafted and unpretentiously terse prose. Larry's vignettes show us the raw emotions and the obsession of the tango dancers, constantly looking for and craving that magical tango moment. Together, essays and short stories present a multi-dimensional view of this magnificent cultural phenomenon. This is a must read book for everyone, especially, for those who are curious about that dance that the initiated cannot live without. Kudos to Irene and Larry!

Having been hooked by the tango bug for over four years now I enjoyed reading this book because I could relate so well to the everything in it; the learning process, the relationships, the experiences, the culture, and even parts of the fictional stories. This book combines the educational essays of what tango is all about along with entertaining fictional stories that touch on the passion element of this artful dance. Much like the author, I am a former ballroom dancer and this book can help put

into words why the Argentine Tango is so different from any other dance genre and also why people will give up the ballroom scene altogether because of it!

An easily read, insightful book about Argentine tango which is a cult favorite amongst tango dancers. Of all my books on tango, this is my favorite, and becomes the favorite of most of my friends in the tango community once they get their hands on it. Part guide book, part instructional manual, the authors shine when they relate their stories of the very human and touching nature of this dance, particularly from their personal perspective. I highly recommend this book to those just curious about the subject, as well as to tangueros around the world who will laugh and cry with the authors as they relate their stories of the temptation to tango!

I loved the idea behind this book: tango, temptation, intimacy and desire. As a Buenos Aires taught tanguero I opened the book with excited expectation. 'The Temptation to Tango' comprises essays by Irene Thomas in four chapters, supported by vignette stories from Larry Sawyer. The combining formula was a superb idea, but one which did not ultimately work for me. Irene Thomas' essays lacked the historical and factual dimension of Christine Denniston's 'The Meaning of Tango', and provided a 'too personal' take on tango. On the whole, her essays were well written, but not especially interesting, informative and certainly not riveting. Larry Sawyer's stories were the weakest link: unfortunately slightly cringing. His attempt to provide an erotic fantasy of tango worked only on a very 'obvious' level, having the hallmarks of trying too hard but not entirely understanding the nature of eroticism (for example in 'The Lure'). A female reader to whom I passed the book remarked "that was so un-erotic and unliterary that it made me feel embarrassed for the writer". So, whilst not saying 'no' to Thomas and Sawyer's 'The temptation to Tango' I would say "keep your expectations modest".

I read many books of tango, because I'm so curious & wanna be good dancer. I quite enjoyed this book. At 1st look, it could be just "general" guide for Argentine Tango dancing, but this book could give you much deeper information. The writer is advanced level's "tango maniaque" dancers who have some years experience. It's like David Tuner of "A Passion for Tango". Seems they did good research and interview to prepare this book. I found much humour & deep psychological thought inside. All story they are telling is so "REAL". I appreciated so much. The last part of this book, they have many practical information to participate in tango festival and trip to Buenos Aires. Specially if you live in North west coast of USA, it'll help you much.

"The Temptation to Tango" is an excellent introduction necessary to anyone contemplating to venture into this art form of moving meditation. Dr. Thomas is very informative in an elegant style reflective of a no non-sense yet sensitive nature. Mr. Sawyer's tango stories are entertaining and quite factual.

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