

# Unveiling the Enchanting World of Burlesque: A Comprehensive Guide with Jo Weldon's "The Burlesque Handbook"

## An Alluring Blend of Art and Entertainment

**"That's Jo Weldon—and she's perfect!"**  
—Leighton Meester on the set of *Gossip Girl*

The *Burlesque Handbook* is the essential manual to understanding and performing both classic and neo-burlesque. Written by Jo Weldon, award-winning founder of the New York School of Burlesque, this book features easy-to-follow suggestions and exercises for developing stage-worthy confidence, presence, and sexiness. You'll learn about the fabulous makeup, costumes—including pasties—moves, grooves, and attitudes of burlesque. *The Burlesque Handbook* is the must-have guide for everyone interested in this vibrant and wildly popular performance art, providing inspiration and practical information that readers can take straight from the page to the stage!

"Jo is one of the true champions of the burlesque world. ... Hearing her speak, seeing her teach, and marveling at the way she has been the driving force behind successful events is a real pleasure for me!"  
—Catherine D'Lee, two-time Miss Exotic World and former creative director for *Dick Van Dyke*

When you need an academic distillate about the importance of burlesque in a gorgeous package served with sex appeal, intelligence, and love, that's Jo! This woman is passionate about burlesque and can't resist the sex appeal of the genre lost long ago."  
—Dirty Girl, the muse to Karl Lagerfeld  
and the #1 Burlesque Performer in the World 2010

**JO WELDON** is the headmistress and founder of the award-winning New York School of Burlesque, and many of her graduates have gone on to become burlesque stars themselves. Now she is known as the premier educator and authority on burlesque, and is the coexecutive director at the Burlesque Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, working with burlesque instructors around the world to develop curriculum and standards for teaching burlesque history and technique. She has published countless articles and photographs about stripping and burlesque, and has been interviewed for television, film, radio, print, and the Internet.

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In the enchanting world of performing arts, burlesque stands out as a mesmerizing fusion of sensuality, storytelling, and entertainment. With her captivating book, "The Burlesque Handbook," Jo Weldon invites readers to embark on an immersive journey into this alluring art form, unveiling its rich history, captivating techniques, and empowering message.

### **A Historical Tapestry: Tracing the Evolution of Burlesque**

Weldon's comprehensive guide delves into the fascinating history of burlesque, tracing its roots from the vaudeville stages of the Victorian era to its modern-day resurgence. She explores the evolution of burlesque as an art form, showcasing its diverse manifestations throughout different cultures and time periods.

### **Beyond the Veil: Mastering the Techniques of Burlesque**

"The Burlesque Handbook" serves as an invaluable resource for aspiring and seasoned performers alike. Weldon meticulously details the fundamental techniques of burlesque, guiding readers through the art of

creating compelling characters, crafting captivating routines, and mastering the seductive art of the reveal.

### **The Power of Allure: Embracing the Feminine Form**

Burlesque celebrates the beauty and sensuality of the female form. Weldon emphasizes the importance of embracing one's body and using it as a powerful tool for expression. She provides practical advice on costume design, makeup artistry, and body language, empowering readers to project confidence and allure onstage.

### **Storytelling Through Dance and Music**

Beyond the visual spectacle, burlesque is also an art form that captivates through storytelling. Weldon highlights the crucial role of dance and music in conveying emotions, creating atmosphere, and engaging audiences.

### **Empowerment and Self-Expression: The Transformative Power of Burlesque**

Jo Weldon's book is more than just a technical guide; it is a testament to the transformative power of burlesque. By embracing the art of self-expression, performers can shatter societal norms, challenge stereotypes, and discover a newfound sense of empowerment and self-acceptance.

### **A Call to Action: Embracing the Burlesque Spirit**

"The Burlesque Handbook" is an inspiring call to action, encouraging readers to embrace the enchanting world of burlesque. Weldon urges them to explore their creativity, develop their unique style, and share the joy and empowerment that burlesque can bring.

### **: Unveiling the Enchanting Realm of Burlesque**

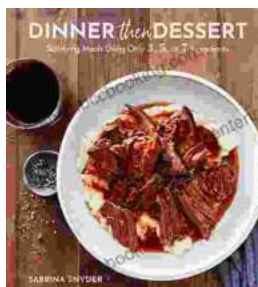
With its comprehensive coverage, engaging writing style, and abundance of practical advice, "The Burlesque Handbook" by Jo Weldon is the definitive guide to the enchanting world of burlesque. Whether you are a seasoned performer, an aspiring artist, or simply a curious enthusiast, this book will captivate you with its insights, inspire you with its artistry, and empower you to embrace the transformative power of this captivating art form.



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