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Temple Dancer
by Amy Weintraub

**PARALLEL LIVES SEPARATED BY TIME, SPACE, AND CULTURE
MELD IN A LUXURIOUS, MYSTIC ESCAPE**

"Amy Weintraub's astonishing new novel evokes the power of a lost spiritual tradition through the story of two disparate women. ... Nimble as it bridges fifty years and thousands of miles, *Temple Dancer* is gorgeous and ambitious."

– **Foreword Reviews**

"An inherently fascinating and compelling read, *Temple Dancer* is an original and extraordinary literary experience ... thoroughly entertaining and engaging from beginning to end."

– **Midwest Book Review**

"I read this book in one day because I could not stop. It's one of those books, so clear the decks before you start. And prepare to be haunted and changed by the wisdom, sensuality, beauty, and fascinating history."
– **Jennifer Louden**, author of *The Woman's Comfort Book* and *Why Bother?*

***Temple Dancer* [Sep 2020, ISBN: 9780974738062]** traces a strange encounter between two women on a crowded train in southern India – an older elegant Indian, and a younger American – and the exchange of a dusty red book, with an appeal: "*You must show the world how we danced with God!*" Years later, on reading the lost translation, Wendy is transported into the ancient, erotic world of the esteemed devadasis, priestesses of dance and devotion, music and mysticism, restraint and release, shame and disgrace. Thrilling and provocative, the diary unlocks a universal connection that includes affairs of the spirit and the flesh, manifest through sacred tradition, through the making of art, the making of love, and most of all through love itself.

Author Amy Weintraub takes readers on a mesmerizing, richly atmospheric journey deep into the history and magic of female sacred sexuality and spiritual transcendence. The tragic yet triumphant stories of both women are enriched by vibrant yoga philosophy and the divine enigma that entwines the lives of two unlikely souls.

"Amy Weintraub's absorbing new novel, *Temple Dancer* offers an enduring balm for bodies and souls."
– **Jacquelyn Jackson, MSW**

"*Temple Dancer* keeps moving and weaves us through the lives of two complex women, bridging the worlds within which they suffer loss and sorrow, and learn to heal and grow towards the light. Beautiful storytelling through the exotic times and traditions, raw sensuality, vulnerability and the ultimate resilience of these two women, takes us along a journey well worth travelling."

– Amazon review

"Instantly captivating! A sumptuous novel that not only entertains but interweaves the intricate teachings of mystical wisdom with love, both romantic and transcendental. If you are interested in divine connection or just a really great read, make *Temple Dancer* your next favorite book!"

– Nischala Joy Devi, author of *The Namaste Effect* and *The Healing Path of Yoga*

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