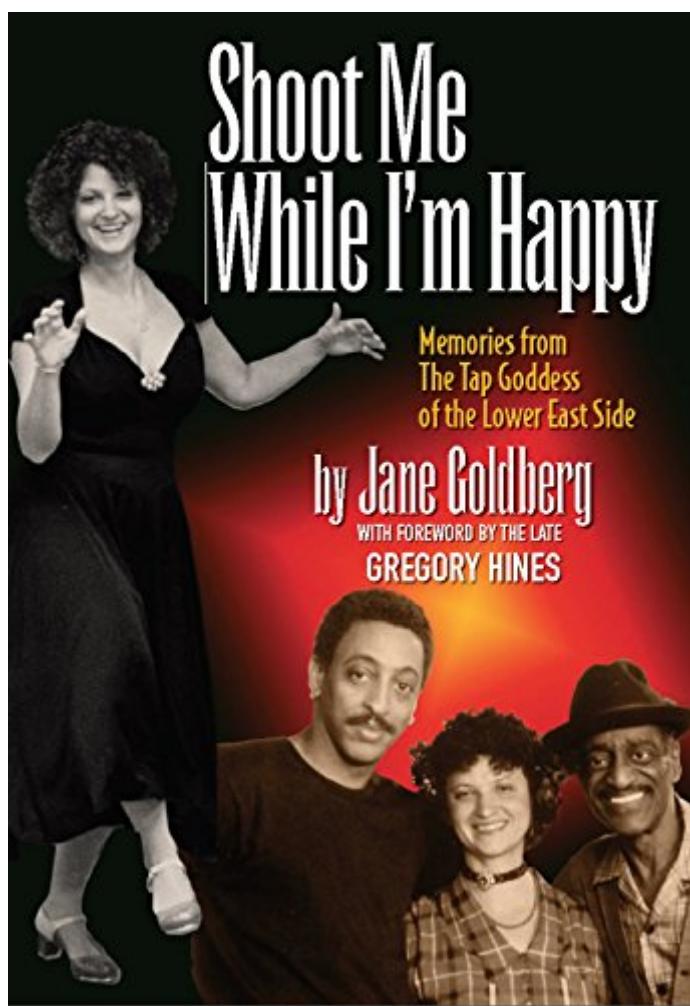


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# Shoot Me While I'm Happy: Memories From The Tap Goddess Of The Lower East Side (foreward By Gregory Hines)



## Synopsis

This is not a history of tap dancing. It is one determined woman's highly personal account of falling in love with and living the tap life. One of the linchpins behind the Great Tap Revival of the 1970s and 80s, Jane Goldberg tracked down, studied with, and performed alongside some of the tap greats of the twentieth century. In the process, she came up with a genre all her own—"Rhythm & Schmooze." A romantic, Goldberg thought tap dancing would provide the most direct route to finding a partner like Fred Astaire. It did not, she discovered quickly. What she did discover, however, were her happy feet. Those feet, combined with great tenacity and endless curiosity, led her to ferret out a generation of show biz hoofers who had involuntarily gone underground. "Shoot Me While I'm Happy"—the title comes from an old vaudeville expression—captures a wealth of memories both wacky and touching.

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"Shoot Me While I'm Happy" is Jane Goldberg's personal journey

to embrace and resurrect the public art and love of tap. Smart, irreverent, and joyful, this memoir is not just a history, not just one woman’s endeavor to meet and schmooze with the legends of tap, though that is certainly a part of her story. It is an ode to an era and personalities larger than life, with an eye toward entertaining the reader, with liberal doses of wit and humor. It is also a memoir of her very personal development into a tap legend in her own right. Funky and sometimes downright hilarious, Jane Goldberg is a one woman army to bring tap back to the forefront of modern art forms, where it deserves to be.

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