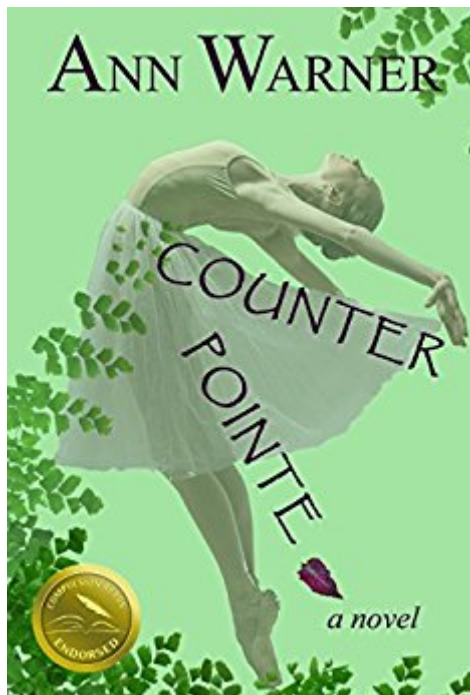


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Synopsis

A dancer on the verge of achieving her dreams is devastated by an injury, and the scientist who loves her begins a painful search for answers to the mysteries of the human heart. Each will have the chance to save a life. One will succeed, one will not. And then they will face the most difficult quest of all - navigating the space that lies between them.

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Customer Reviews

Counterpointe, by Ann Warner is a sweet, gentle read. The problems and conflicts in the book are realistic and well handled. I nearly cried at times and the book had a satisfying ending. Although a little slow at the beginning, it quickly caught me up and I couldn't put it down until that last page was turned. Rob and Clare are two people I feel I could call friends. The book was unusual in having a ballet dancer as the main character but I enjoyed being reminded of all those hours I spent in toe shoes myself. Ann did her homework and got the terms right as well as all the aches and pains dancers often suffer. I also enjoyed the romance in the book with its problems and complications. I

usually don't like books that start with a good relationship that deteriorates, but in *Counterpointe*, the concept worked so well I had to keep reading. There was no pat fix to the romance, either. It worked out slowly and naturally as it should between two people who loved each other all along. The writing is very good and smooth. There just weren't any parts that threw me out of the story, and there weren't any parts I wanted to skip. I would heartily recommend this book.

I enjoyed each main character's separate adventures. Clare's at Hope House, and Rob's in Peru. Their struggles to understand each other illustrates how important honest communication between two people is to a relationship. The author also has the ability to keep one reading about the secondary characters as well as the main characters. You care about them as well and their roles in the story. This is another great story by a wonderful author, who researches her information to make her stories believable. You feel you are actually experiencing what is happening as you read it. I love her descriptions of people, places and things. I loved this book.

I very much enjoyed this sweet and entertaining novel. I cared about all the characters (and even shed a few tears in some places). As I got deeper into the story I found it harder and harder to put down. There was one tiny editing error (the wrong character's name was used one time about 2/3 of the way through) (Kindle edition), but apart from that there wasn't a single sour note. This is the first novel I've read by this author, but I will be looking out for her name in the future.

I have lived in Boston, worked with dancers and torn my own ACL. I currently live in Uruguay, and have traveled throughout South America. Having had these experiences, I can honestly say that in writing *Counterpointe*, Ann Warner has created vivid, enticing and accurate portrayal of the physical and emotional geography that surrounds them. This book is a masterpiece, which takes you deep into the character's psyche. You feel Clare's physical and emotional pain, along with Rob's sense of despair. All along, you want these two amazing people to get back together, but fear it will never happen. Only when each of them encounters larger than life events, can they recognize the deep love that was always there. BRAVA!

This book was a light read and very enjoyable. I learned a lot about the technical aspects of ballet and dance. The main character, is single-minded focused on her ballet career, until it all unravels along with her marriage. Redemption for both main characters is a given along with enough plot twists to keep you turning the pages. I'd recommend this book to others to read.

I glanced at other reviews. One said "depressing". Could that reviewer have read the same story I did? Yes, I'll agree that the two main protagonists in the story went through some rough times. As always, the journeys they took, first together and then separately, are more important than the outcome. However, I'll leave it at this: Read this book. I don't think you could be disappointed.

Counterpointe was an excellent book. I was interested from the beginning and continued my interest through the book. Clare was a very realistic character. She loved to dance and worked hard at it. After her career ended abruptly, the journey she took to find herself was very helpful to her. It was a journey that had to be taken alone so she could find her path. Very interesting book.

Counterpointe is a novel that addresses life's most important element, our interactions with other human beings, especially those we love, in a manner that is both enjoyable to read and educational. The mix of science and the performing arts gives the reader a brief look at both areas without overwhelming you with too many details. Overall, a must read.

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