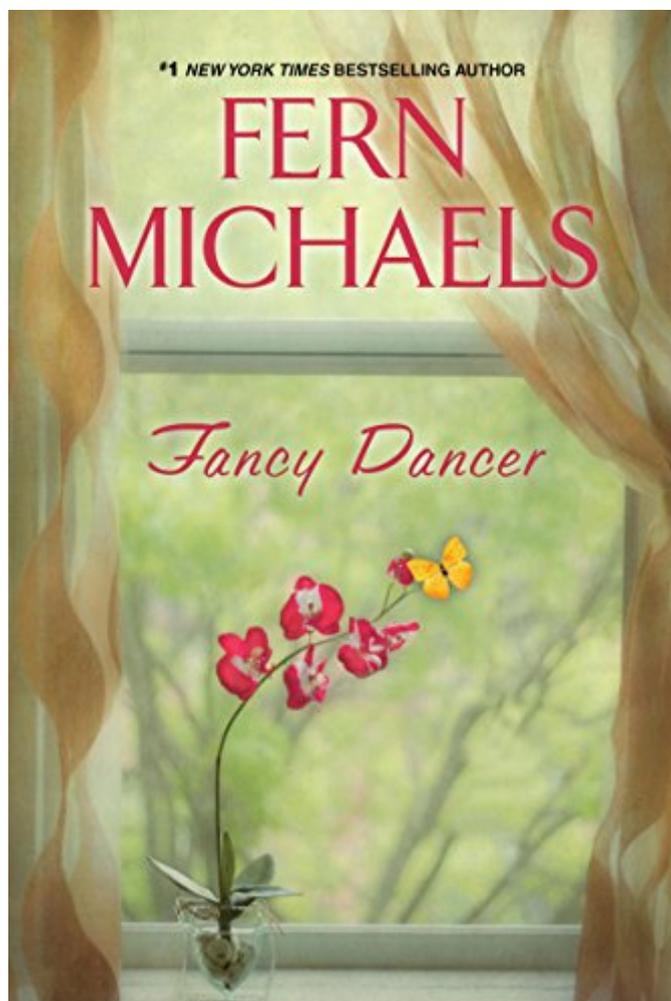


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# Fancy Dancer



## Synopsis

A powerful, poignant novel of love, redemption, and family secrets from the incomparable #1 New York Times bestselling author Fern Michaels . . . On his thirty-fifth birthday, Jake St. Cloud inherits a fortune--and learns the whereabouts of his mysterious half-brother. On her deathbed, Selma St. Cloud revealed that Jake had a sibling, a product of his father's affair. At last, Jake is in a position to track down Alex Rosario and make amends for their father's past neglect. When their initial meeting goes badly, a distraught Jake crashes his car and is sentenced to community work--with Alex as his parole officer. Jake must spend a year helping Angelica Dancer and her daughter, Fancy, at the Dancer Foundation for neglected children. Fancy, scarred by the accident that ended her ballet career, is even less happy with the arrangement than Jake. Yet as they're all thrown together, unexpected connections help Jake realize that his mother's greatest gift to him lies not in his inheritance, but in the future, and the family, he's slowly piecing together . . . "Michaels' latest is sure to capture the hearts of its readers, even while tickling their funny bones."--Booklist on *The Blossom Sisters* "Michaels just keeps getting better and better with each book . . . She never disappoints."  
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## Customer Reviews

What a sweet read, especially when we need our spirits lifted, I couldn't wait to sit back down and enjoy how the story unfolds. The characters were real, the story believable. If you are a Michaels fan you know what to expect and never disappoints, if your aren't hook on this author yet, it is good read to start. Comes with warning, you could get lost in time reading her.

After reading Fancy Dancer, you will be left with a heartwarming feeling. It's a nice story very well told, as usual with Fern Michaels. The characters seem real, with real issues and as the story develops they discover some secrets, they are heartbroken for a while, but they find the courage to move on, and along the way also help others deal with their own. It also has some turning point which you never see coming. I enjoyed this book a lot. It was easy reading for a nice relaxed weekend!

Absolutely horrible. I never write reviews but had to warn others. The main character is 35, has 2 university degrees, is wealthy and a world-renowned expert in his field. He has no friends. The other male lead is 30, a successful lawyer who lives with his mother... and has no friends. The female lead lives with her mother. She has no friends. None of them have a personality. The character development is non-existent, the plot is non-existent, predictable and choppy, and characters are either unbelievably angelic (yes there are rescue dogs, disfigured and wheel-chair bound leads, and even orphans featured here) or sinister and evil (and their dialogue is right out of dime store novels from the 1930s). Shame on Fern Michaels. I deleted it half way through. I'm mad at myself that I wasted that much of my time.

I am a big fan of Fern Michael's, however this book just didn't do it for me. It started with her name Fancy Dancer. I could never quite get used to the name. Sounded like a stripper. The whole story was weak and the main character, Jake just never appealed to me.

WELL Fern Michaels wrote another good book...it kept me wanting to read it and not put it down... good story line a little predictable but extremely heart warming...A MUST READ

Fern Michaels is one of my favorite authors, so I was thrilled to purchase her most recent book. The storyline is good, though spotty and disconnected at places. The characters are fairly well-developed...some more than others. The writing is mostly choppy and devoid of depth. The

happily-ever-after ending leaves many dangling threads. The result is a light airy book for quick reading without providing food for thought or poignantly evocative emotions. The attempts at humor often fall flat; the one humorous line became less so as repeated again, again, and again! This is not the Fern Michaels of yore who caused me to stay up nights frantically reading the first twenty-odd "Sisterhood" books one after another, completely spell-bound by the fast moving suspense and the sparkling repartee. Depending on what you are looking for, this is a nice little story, but if you are looking for the literary quality of Michaels' earlier works, this is not the book for you. Sorry!

I've read quite a few books by Fern Michaels and they are either excellent or horrible. Unfortunately, this one falls in the horrible range. First of all is the title. The main character in this book was Jake McCloud, not Fancy Dancer. I would say she was a minor character, being in only about 5% of the book. It would make sense if her 5% contributed to the main part of the story, but it didn't. The prologue of the book made the story sound promising, but then with each chapter, the story just fell flat. The dialogue was stilted and rather unbelievable. There was some character development, but not enough to really get to know any of them in depth. It was one of those books that as I read the last word, I thought, 'what a stupid story...I can't believe I just read that whole book'. The only reason I'm not giving it only one star is that it was a nice story, I just wished there was more substance and better dialogue.

Fern Michael's once again has her readers examining their own choices what fate has dealt them in their own lives, and the way they handled them. I know I wish I had had the support team Jake had. An excellent novel that I am certain I will re-read many times.

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