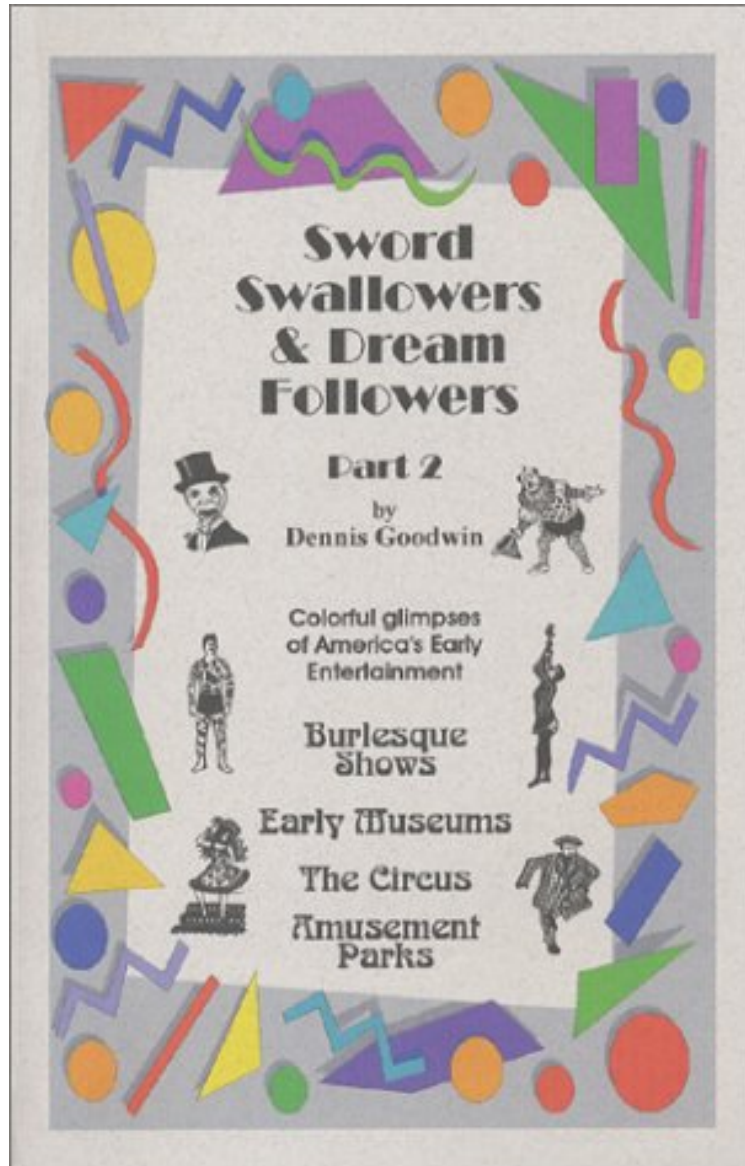


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Featuring colorful glimpses of America's early entertainment, this booklet highlights burlesque shows, early museums, the circus and amusement parks.

From the Back Cover Take a word trip back in time as we visit the variety performers, dancers...and the howling audience members of the early burlesque shows. Even though the British Blondes and "shimmy shakers" of yesteryear's burlesque shows seem pretty tame by today's standards, they shocked a nation that wasn't used to more than catching a lucky glimpse of a lady's ankle. Then drop in on the sword swallows, bearded ladies and human skeletons of the early dime museums. Hear the "professor" summon the crowd to witness the Marvelous Cherrie Burnham. "Look at her," he cries out, "a mighty girl, fat, magnificent. Five chins! Cheeks like a sun-kissed melon. Arms like vats of luscious Falernian wine." Your next stop will be under the tents of the pioneer circuses. The forerunners of today's glittering spectacles will once again come to life as "Old Bet" the elephant and the donkey named "Zebra" perform for us. You'll follow the early "mud shows" as they travel warily through communities that fear they kidnap children and carry the "mark of the devil." Finally, as we stroll around America's early amusement parks, moon maidens will offer us green cheese. Then three hundred midgets will welcome us to their "Lilliputian Village." While we visit Coney Island's Luna Park, we'll discover one of the most unusual attractions ever exhibited - a baby hospital complete with nurses, premature babies and a life-saving new invention - the mechanical baby incubator. Get ready to savor the unpolished glittering fragments of amusement that were often as raw and uncultivated as many of the people who gathered to watch them. Settle back for another journey in a two-booklet trip back into the colorful days of "Sword swallows and dream followers."