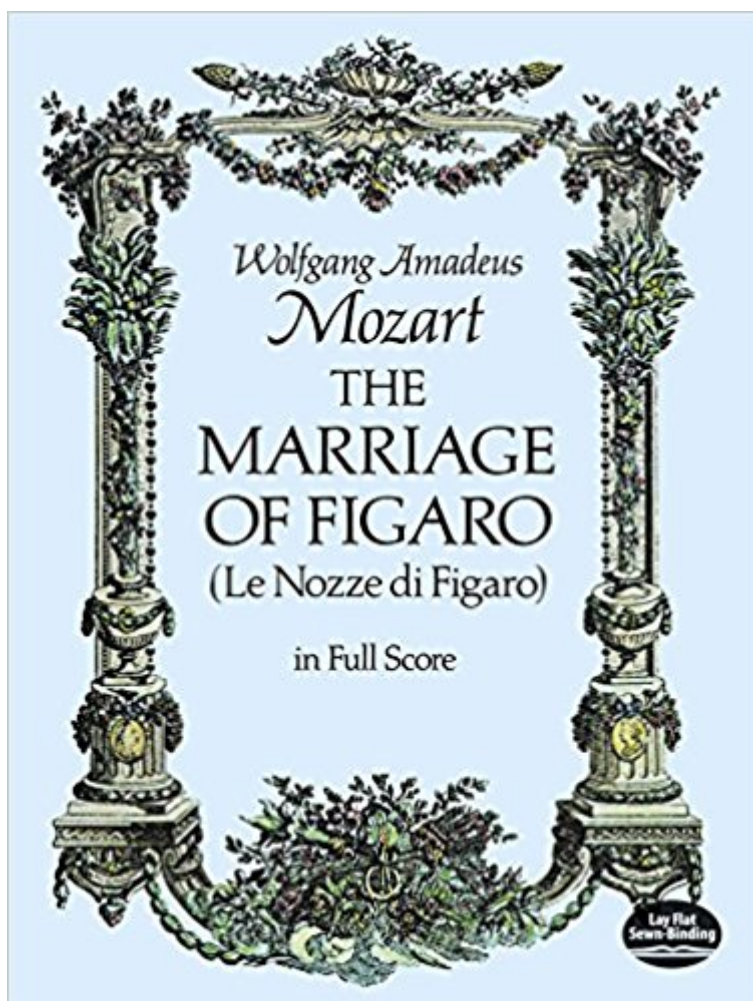


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Customer Reviews

Nobody could make voices and instruments work so perfectly together as Mozart, and it's fascinating to read through a full orchestral score to see how he did it. Like all of Dover's scores, this one is a reprint of another publishing house's work. This particular house, C.F. Peters of Leipzig, gives the text in the original Italian -- and in a German translation from 1941 that's still sung in

Germany and Austria today.

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Far too many "Full Scores" consist of only portions of the selected work. In Opera, that often means just some selected Arias, and perhaps the Overture. In this case, the term "full score" truly means Full Score. Every note is there, from the Overture to the final chord. Every line of recit is included, even those that are most often spoken rather than sung. In addition, the full libretto is given...in both Italian and German. This version was completed by Georg Schöffmann in Berlin in 1941! He cited the numerous "original" versions he used as references, even to the point of acknowledging that the sole copy of a particular printing was in Washington, and, sadly, not available to him at the time. He also supplies several pages of notes, identifying things that were "missing" from various versions or explaining which version he chose for a particular passage and why. As a study guide, for students of Mozart, students of opera, or students of orchestration this is an outstanding book, well made and certain to last a long time. It is unlikely anyone will produce anything "better." For serious students it provides a good look at what Mozart wrote, and allows easy comparisons with versions produced today where some directors seem to feel that they can make "changes" and bill them as "improvements." In my opinion, Mozart knew exactly what he was doing, and "improvements" are seldom as good as the original...usually much worse. HINT: To a certain unconventional director: There's no silent angel in Mozart's work...for a good reason!

Dover may not be the most scholarly edition, but their sewn-binding full scores are a wonderful value. They stay flat, are easy to read from, and are a good, practical edition for any student or performer, provided it is not the only edition you consult.

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Excellent value

This complete musical score to one of the greatest works of art by mankind comes in quality paper and print that I find quite satisfying. The lack of an English translation is no problem for me personally, because I have separate libretti with translations I can refer to when needed, and I use this book when I want to follow the musical score and sing along with the original Italian verses. One disappointment is that the German verses are in normal print, directly underneath the musical score, while the original Italian is in italics and under the German (therefore harder to read and follow), almost as if the book is intended more for people who want to follow the German, not the Italian. Since the opera is originally in Italian, it makes more sense to me that the German text and Italian text should be switched in terms of location and font. Nevertheless, I'm highly satisfied with the overall quality of this book, and it is definitely one of my favorite books within my music-related library.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's comic masterpiece "The Marriage of Figaro" has always been one of the best loved and studied operas today. With a bubbling plot and beautiful music, this opera is sure to delight classical and opera music lovers whether you are just a beginner or a die hard classical fan. However, full orchestral scores, particularly opera scores, have always hard to come by and when they do, the price is often too steep. Now Dover publications makes available the COMPLETE orchestral score of this fabulous opera with an affordable price. As with other Dover scores, this one is a reprint of an older publishing house, Carl Frederick Peters of Leipzig, which means that other than the contents, which Dover translated into English, everything in this score is German and /or Italian (libretto and stage directions). However, the beautiful, neat and clear engraving of the score more than makes up for this. The full score would probably be too bulky for opera singers, but it is an indispensable tool for classical music enthusiasts to study and appreciate all the aspects that make up this wonderful comic opera. Buy it! It will make your listening experience all the more enjoyable.

Le nozze di Figaro is one of Mozart's comic opera masterpieces which helped combine the two genres of Italian opera, buffa (comic) and seria (serious) through superb characterization and well-crafted ensemble pieces. This score is great to have if you, like me, love Mozart and his work, and wish to study in depth. Dover Scores are sturdy, so they are good for the music student who will need to use them frequently. They always reprint the music clearly and it is very easy to follow. This particular edition also provides a helpful plot synopsis and background information to Figaro. However, for those who like to have a translation, beware. The libretto is in Italian and German, but not in English. I like the idea of including German, as this opera enjoyed immense popularity in this translation, not to mention the fact that it is the mother tongue of the composer. Looking for a great opera score? You won't go wrong with Le nozze di Figaro.

Full score is clear and reasonably accurate and easy to read. Words for vocal parts don't always line up clearly, and the choice to place German on top, with Italian below and italicized was a poor one. Reading the original language musically is thus a challenge, and non-German or Italian speakers won't have a meaningful translation close at hand either as there is no English through the score.

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