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### Opera 101

## A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Opera

*Hyperion* Explains how to develop an appreciation for opera by furnishing a concise history of opera, a glossary of terms, a list of books and recordings, a listener's guide to key operatic works, and advice on attending a performance

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## A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Opera

*Hachette Books* Opera is the fastest growing of all the performing arts, attracting audiences of all ages who are enthralled by the gorgeous music, vivid drama, and magnificent production values. If you've decided that the time has finally come to learn about opera and discover for yourself what it is about opera that sends your normally reserved friends into states of ecstatic abandon, this is the book for you. Opera 101 is recognized as the standard text in English for anyone who wants to become an opera lover--a clear, friendly, and truly complete handbook to learning how to listen to opera, whether on the radio, on recordings, or live at the opera house. Fred Plotkin, an internationally respected writer and teacher about opera who for many years was performance manager of the Metropolitan Opera, introduces the reader (whatever his or her level of musical knowledge) to all the elements that make up opera, including: A brief, entertaining history of opera; An explanation of key operatic concepts, from vocal types to musical conventions; Hints on the best way to approach the first opera you attend and how to best understand what is happening both offstage and on; Lists of recommended books and recordings, and the most complete traveler's guide to opera houses around the world. The major part of Opera 101 is devoted to an almost minute-by-minute analysis of eleven key operas, ranging from Verdi's thunderous masterpiece Rigoletto and Puccini's electrifying Tosca through works by Mozart, Donizetti, Rossini, Offenbach, Tchaikovsky, and Wagner, to the psychological complexities of Richard Strauss's Elektra. Once you have completed Opera 101, you will be prepared to see and hear any opera you encounter, thanks to this book's unprecedentedly detailed and enjoyable method of revealing the riches of opera.

### Classical Music 101

## A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Classical Music

*Hyperion* A Paperback Original. The author who has taught tens of thousands of people to love opera now introduces readers to the rich and soul-stirring world of classical music. For anyone who is aching to discover classical music, this comprehensive and accessible book is the ideal teacher. Writing in the clear and highly entertaining prose that made Opera 101 the standard text in its field, Fred Plotkin -- music expert, teacher, lecturer, and famous author -- presents classical music in a way that respects both the reader and the art form. In Classical Music 101: --The reader will discover how to become an expert listener, which is essential for learning to love classical music. --A thousand years of music are explored, with emphasis on great works in all styles. Significant composers will be profiled in depth, including Beethoven, Mozart, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, and many more. -- Important musicians, such as pianist Emanuel Ax, singer Marilyn Horne, and conductor James Levine, speak about their art in interviews. Classical Music 101, the newest addition to a highly successful series intended for readers who don't consider themselves dummies or idiots, will help the person drawn to the finer things in life (and readers who don't know how to approach them) discover the glories of music.

### A Night at the Opera

## An Irreverent Guide to The Plots, The Singers, The Composers, The Recordings

*Modern Library* "Delightful and anti-reverential"--Sunday Times (London) With an encyclopedic knowledge of opera and a delightful dash of irreverence, Sir Denis Forman throws open the world of opera--its structure, composers, conductors, and artists--in this hugely informative guide. A Night at the Opera dissects the eighty-three most popular operas recorded on compact disc, from Cilea's Adriana Lecouvreur to Mozart's Die Zauberflöte. For each opera, Sir Denis details the plot and cast of characters, awarding stars to parts that are "worth looking out for," "really good," or, occasionally, "stunning." He goes on to tell the history of each opera and its early reception. Finally, each work is graded from alpha to gamma (although the Ring cycle gets an "X"), and Sir Denis has no qualms about voicing his opinion: the first act of Fidelio is "a bit of a mess," while the last scene of Don Giovanni "towers above the comic finales of Figaro and Così and whether or not [it] is Mozart's greatest opera, it is certainly his most powerful finale." The guide also presents brief biographies of the great composers, conductors, and singers. A glossary of musical terms is included, as well as Operatica, or the essential elements of opera, from the proper place and style of the audience's applause (and boos) to the use of subtitles. A Night at the Opera is for connoisseurs and neophytes alike. It will entertain and inform, delight and (perhaps) infuriate, providing a subject for lively debate and ready reference for years to come.

### Ticket to the Opera

## Discovering and Exploring 100 Famous Works, History, Lore, and Singers, with Rec

*Ballantine Books* In Ticket to the Opera, Phil G. Goulding finally makes the magic and mystique of opera accessible to all. Here he offers a complete operatic education, including history, definitions of key musical terms, opera lore and gossip, portraits of famous singers and the roles they immortalized, as well as pithy introductions to the greatest operas of Europe and America and their composers. The book's centerpiece is what Goulding terms "the collection"--85 classics, among them Aida, The Marriage of Figaro, Carmen, and Madama Butterfly, that have been packing the world's opera houses for years. This entertaining, meticulously researched book also includes a fascinating chapter on American opera from George Gershwin's Porgy and Bess to Philip Glass's Einstein on the Beach and a discussion of the gems of twentieth-century opera featuring works like Leos Janáček's The Cunning Little Vixen, Alban Berg's Lulu, and Serge Prokofiev's The Love for Three Oranges. Whether you're a curious neophyte, a music lover interested in branching out, or an aficionado eager to compare notes with a brilliant fellow opera buff, you'll prize Ticket to the Opera as an essential volume in your music library.

### Understanding Italian Opera

*Oxford University Press* Opera is often regarded as the pinnacle of high art. A "Western" genre with global reach, it is where music and drama come together in unique ways, supported by stellar singers and spectacular scenic effects. Yet it is also patently absurd -- why should anyone break into song on the dramatic stage? -- and shrouded in mystique. In this engaging and entertaining guide, renowned music scholar Tim Carter unravels its many layers to offer a thorough introduction to Italian opera from the seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries. Eschewing the technical musical detail that all too often dominates writing on opera, Carter begins instead where the composers themselves did: with the text. Walking readers through the relationship between music and poetry that lies at the heart of any opera, Carter then offers explorations of five of the most enduring and emblematic Italian operas: Monteverdi's The Coronation of Poppea; Handel's Julius Caesar in Egypt; Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro; Verdi's Rigoletto; and Puccini's La Bohème. Shedding light on the creative collusions and collisions involved in bringing opera to the stage, the various, and varying, demands of the text and music, and the nature of its musical drama, Carter also shows how Italian opera has developed over the course of music history. Complete with synopses, cast lists, and suggested further reading for each work discussed, Understanding Italian Opera is a must-read for anyone with an interest in and love for this glorious art.

### The New Penguin Opera Guide

*Penguin USA* Provides biographical sketches for nearly 850 composers along with articles on approximately 2,000 works.

## A Mad Love

### An Introduction to Opera

*Basic Books* A lively introduction to opera, from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century There are few art forms as visceral and emotional as opera-and few that are as daunting for newcomers. A Mad Love offers a spirited and indispensable tour of opera's eclectic past and present, beginning with Monteverdi's L'Orfeo in 1607, generally considered the first successful opera, through classics like Carmen and La Boheme, and spanning to Brokeback Mountain and The Death of Klinghoffer in recent years. Musician and critic Vivien Schweitzer acquaints readers with the genre's most important composers and some of its most influential performers, recounts its long-standing debates, and explains its essential terminology. Today, opera is everywhere, from the historic houses of major opera companies to movie theaters and public parks to offbeat performance spaces and our earbuds. A Mad Love is an essential book for anyone who wants to appreciate this living, evolving art form in all its richness.

## Famous Italian Opera Arias

### A Dual-language Book

*Courier Corporation* Enjoy the passion and power of 145 arias from 50 operas by Verdi, Puccini, Mozart, Donizetti, Bellini, 12 other composers. Selections from Rigoletto, The Marriage of Figaro, Il Trovatore, Madama Butterfly, Tosca, La Bohème, many more. Original Italian librettos with excellent line-for-line literal English translations in facing columns. Introduction.

## Ballet 101

### A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving the Ballet

*Hal Leonard Corporation* Presents a look at the world of dance; an analysis of ballet movement, music, and history; a close-up look at popular ballets; and a host of performance tips.

## The Viking Opera Guide

*Viking Adult* A detailed guide to opera covers monodies, masques, modern music dramas, operettas, musicals, and grand, tragic, and comic operas

## Calculus Made Easy

*St. Martin's Press* Calculus Made Easy by Silvanus P. Thompson and Martin Gardner has long been the most popular calculus primer, and this major revision of the classic math text makes the subject at hand still more comprehensible to readers of all levels. With a new introduction, three new chapters, modernized language and methods throughout, and an appendix of challenging and enjoyable practice problems, Calculus Made Easy has been thoroughly updated for the modern reader.

## Classical Music

### A Beginner's Guide

*Simon and Schuster* Pick up where Classic FM leaves off What does classical music mean to the Western World? How has it transformed over the centuries? With such a rich tradition, what relevance does it have today? Julian Johnson inspires readers to explore the field, and examines how music is related to some of the big ideas of Western experience including spirituality, emotion, the weight of history, and self identity.

## Complete Opera Book

London : Putnam

## Shelters, Shacks and Shanties

*Library of Alexandria* Ælf my present reader happens to be a Boy Scout or a scout-master who wants the scouts to build a tower for exhibition purposes, he can do so by following the directions here given, but if there is real necessity for haste in the erection of this tower, of course we cannot build one as tall as we might where we have more time. With a small tower all the joints may be quickly lashed together with strong, heavy twine, rope, or even wire; and in the wilderness it will probably be necessary to bind the joints with pliable roots, or cordage made of bark or withes; but as this is not a book on woodcraft we will suppose that the reader has secured the proper material for fastening the joints of the frame of this signal-tower and he must now shoulder his axe and go to the woods in order to secure the necessary timber. First let him cut eight straight polesÑthat is, as straight as he can find them. These poles should be about four and one half inches in diameter at their base and sixteen and one half feet long. After all the branches are trimmed off the poles, cut four more sticks each nine feet long and two and a half or three inches in diameter at the base; when these are trimmed into shape one will need twenty six or seven more stout sticks each four and one half feet long for braces and for flooring for the platform.

## The Opera Lover's Companion

*Yale University Press* Written by a well-known authority, this book consists of 175 entries that set some of the most popular operas within the context of their composer's career, outline the plot, discuss the music, and more.

## Opera

### A History in Documents

*Oxford University Press, USA* In *Opera: A History in Documents*, Piero Weiss presents a wide-ranging, vivid, and carefully researched tour of operatic history. A unique anthology of primary source material, this survey includes 115 chronologically organized selections--passages from private letters, public decrees, descriptions of first performances, portions of libretti, literary criticism and satire, newspaper reviews and articles, and poetry and fiction--from opera's late Renaissance infancy through modern times. This first-hand testimony allows students to experience the history of opera as eyewitnesses, offering an immediacy and validity unmatched by standard histories. Readers are transported to a Medici wedding in sixteenth-century Florence, to the Haymarket Theatre for a performance of Handel's Rinaldo, to Mozart at work on Die Entführung aus dem Serail, and to Bertolt Brecht's writing desk, among many other landmarks in opera's history. Weiss expertly guides students, providing highly accessible headnotes to each selection that both contextualize the excerpts and position them within the broader historical narrative. In addition, he offers original translations of more than half of the selections in the book, many of which appear here in English for the first time. Stage settings, costumes, portraits, contemporary playbills, and other illustrations enliven the text and help to recreate the feel of the era under discussion. *Opera: A History in Documents* is an intrinsically lively text that will enrich college courses on opera and delight any music-loving reader.

## Javascript

### 3 Books in 1- the Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Learn Javascript Programming

### Effectively + Tips and Tricks to Learn Javascript + Strategies

*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* 3- Informative Books in one Bundle! The Most Comprehensive JavaScript Beginners Guide on the Market! Have you ever wondered what allows people to be able to see different things on different websites? The answer is simple: JavaScript. Many websites are written in JavaScript so that you can be able to see what they are all about and what is going on in each of the sites. It is a language that can be written in many different formats so that different websites can use it for different purposes. JavaScript is able to do everything from creating a website to adding buttons and even disabling the ability to click on a button unless an option is chosen. While JavaScript is a multilayered language that will take some time to learn all of the levels of, the basics are quite simple. You can learn how to begin writing JavaScript by knowing only the basics, and

you can build on your knowledge of the basics and what you initially learned. To get started with writing JavaScript, all you need to do is learn the beginning process. It is easy for you to do this if you have the right tools. This book will act as a way for you, as a beginner, to learn the process of JavaScript. While it will teach you some of the simplest JavaScript codes, it will not be overwhelming with codes. Instead, it will teach you what you need to know before you become a JavaScript expert and before you make the decision to truly dive into it. If you are ready to learn about JavaScript, what it can do and how you can get started, start this book right away. When you are finished, check out some of the other books in this series to learn more JavaScript codes and how to become a true professional who is great at writing JavaScript and can do more than you ever thought possible. Follow the series on an easy way to become a JavaScript expert! Sail Past the Beginners Level with these valuable tips! JavaScript is a language that you will always be able to learn more about and always be able to expand your knowledge of. Once you have learned the very basics of it, you should work to make sure that you are trying to find out as much as possible. JavaScript can be very rewarding, and you will need to be able to do as much as possible with it if you want to get the most benefit out of it. The tips and tricks that are contained in this book will give you some insight into what JavaScript is really capable of and what you can actually do with it if you learn as much as possible about it. There is a lot to learn, and you will be able to reap all of the benefits from JavaScript if you follow this book. The tips and tricks are designed not only to show you how to use the codes to build a beautiful interactive website but to also wow all of your visitors with everything that you have to offer on the website. Reading the book will not make you a JavaScript expert, but it will have you well on your way to being one. Read on for some of the best tips that are available and how you can make them work when you are trying to learn JavaScript in the easiest and most efficient way. Javascript- Simple and Effective Strategies: JavaScript isn't necessarily a simple language or a simple code to learn, but there are some very simple strategies that will get you to where you want to be with your JavaScript career. Following these strategies will allow you the chance to make sure that you are getting the most out of the JavaScript experience and the learning process that comes from it. Grab this 3-book bundle Today!

## The Complete Operas of Verdi

## Great Trainers Make It Happen

*Booksurge Publishing* **ATTENTION TRAINERS: It's Not About YOU - It's About the LEARNER!** What is the biggest mistake a trainer can make? Quite simply, it is focusing all of their efforts on themselves and not their students! Many inexperienced trainers fall into this trap, but it doesn't have to happen to you! This book provides easy-to-execute examples that, when utilized, will make any rookie trainer look like a seasoned pro in just one day! You will learn how to structure the classroom experience in such a positive way that I guarantee it will make a difference in your professional life and in the lives of your participants. The techniques outlined in this book will help you to become the Great Trainer you have always wanted to be - because although good trainers may know these methods, Great Trainers make it happen! Inside, you will discover how to: -Create an inviting physical and emotional learning environment for your students. An inviting learning environment leads to higher levels of participation, retention, and on-the-job application! -Be less of an instructor and more of a "Tour Guide." Utilizing tour guide techniques will make your class anything-but-ordinary, causing people to look forward to your next event! -Utilize Great Trainer techniques whether you're facilitating a 5-day course, a 60-minute training session, or a 15-minute presentation! -Apply the techniques that will help you go WACCO for your participants - without spending a dime! Get on the road to continuous training improvement and start reading!

## Snowboarding Is for Everyone

## A Complete Guide; Beginner Lessons, Safety, Clothing, Board Choices and Much More.

*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* **Snowboarding Is For Everyone** aims to educate and demonstrate how accessible and enjoyable snowboarding really is to all. Uncover essential tips and practical guidance on: Choosing the correct snowboarding gear Rider safety Anatomy of a snowboard Selecting a snowboard for kids Women and snowboarding Physical fitness and exercise for men, women and children Step by step snowboarding lessons for beginners Gaining confidence on the slopes Skill improvement snowboarding jargon and slang And more! Build confidence on the slopes with step by step instructions Beginners will learn the basics with 9 easy to follow lessons which include snowboarding stance, mounting your snowboard, turning and how to traverse. Are you planning a snowboarding holiday with your family? Prepare for your trip with suitable information that is catered for anyone taking up the wonderful activity of snowboarding. Guidance on fitness for kids to board styles for women and men are provided. The sport of snowboarding is a fantastic activity and the author makes snowboarding accessible to men, women and children alike, whether you are a total beginner or keen to sharpen up your technique. Learn the skills that you need to become competent and be aware of the information you need to stay safe on the slopes.

## Positive Thinking 101

## Positive Thinking for Beginners - Positive Thinking Guide - How to Stop Negative Thinking

*CreateSpace* Life is full of challenges. There are times when you will feel like you've done everything to the best of your ability, but in the end, it still didn't work. Have you ever wondered why? Was it because life is unfair, or was it because you were actually "expecting the worst"? Have you considered expecting the best instead? You may think, "Of course, I considered great things to happen!," but science says otherwise. People who are preparing for something are found to be thinking more of the bad things that could happen than the positive outcomes. More often than not, thinking about unfortunate events actually make it happen. Hoping that you will not be late for a meeting will cause you to be late. Thinking of saying a complex sentence inappropriately actually makes you tongue-tied. Do you know why? It is because your thoughts have the power to change things and events. In this book, you will learn how to master positive thinking by learning about the power of thought and the Law of Attraction. With these core principles, this book will teach you ways on how to think positively by hacking your body, your speech, and your actions. You will know about scientific studies that proved the benefits of positive thinking. You will also be introduced to the successful life teachers who used positivity to become successful. Finally, you will be provided with step-by-step guides on how you can do it yourself. You are on your way to becoming a positive person who will enjoy living a good life by spreading the positive vibrations to the world! After downloading this book you will learn... Chapter 1: The Power of Thought Chapter 2: Mind over Body: The Power of Expectation Chapter 3: Mind over Matter: The Power of Intention Chapter 4: Mind over Society: The Power of Mental Communication Chapter 5: The Law of Attraction Chapter 6: Become a Positive Thinker: Start with Your Body Chapter 7: Become a Positive Speaker Chapter 8: Become a Positive Doer And Much, much more!

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## Death by Opera

Having survived her entanglement in a murder plot at the Metropolitan Opera, violinist Julia Kogan finds herself once more in operatic turmoil at the Santa Fe Opera. Against the breathtaking backdrop of mystical New Mexico and the elegant contemporary outdoor Santa Fe Opera Theatre, chaos ensues, as murderous activities plague the performers on stage and off.

## The Really Useful #edtechbook

*CreateSpace* Technology has invaded our working and recreational lives to an extent that few envisaged 20 or 30 years ago. We'd be fools to avoid the developments in personal, mobile, and wearable technology. Even if we tried we'd still have to deal with other developments and distractions in classroom and learning technology like smart boards, blogs, video, games, students-led learning, virtual learning environments, social media, etc. More than this, however, is how the advances in technology, the economic and physical miniaturisation of computing devices, have impacted education: the students, the teachers, the classrooms, the spaces, the connections, the aspirations, etc. 'The Really Useful #EdTechBook' is about experiences, reflections, hopes, passions, expectations, and professionalism of those working with, in, and for the use of technology in education. Not only is it an insight into how, or why, we work with these technologies, it's about how we as learning professionals got to where we are and how we go forward with our own development. In this book respected individuals from different education sectors write about many aspects of learning technology; from Higher Education (Sue Beckingham, Peter Reed, Dr David Walker, Sheila MacNeil, Terese Bird, Wayne Barry, Inge de Waard, and Sharon Flynn), Further Education (Rachel Challen), to Museums (Zak Mensah), workplace learning (Julian Stodd, Julie Wedgwood, and Lesley Price) and primary schools / early years education (Mike McSharry). With a foreword written by Catherine Cronin, from the National University Ireland, Galway, the breadth and depth of the experiences here are second to none. The knowledge these leading learning practitioners, researchers, and professionals, share, under the same cover, is a unique opportunity for you to read about the variety of approaches to learning technology, the different perspectives on the same technology, and how technology is impacting our culture and learning infrastructure, from early-age classrooms to leading research Universities and from museums and workplace learning providers. It is about our passion for our work and our desire to make our work better through our own learning and development. Contributory authors: Catherine Cronin: Foreword David Hopkins: Introduction Wayne Barry: "...and what do you do?": Can we explain the unexplainable? Zak Mensah: "Why do we do what we do?" Peter Reed: "The structure and roles of Learning Technologists within Higher Education Institutions" Rachel Challen: "Learning Technologists as agents of change? Blending policy and creativity" Julie Wedgwood: "Developing the skills and knowledge of a Learning Technologist" Dr David Walker and Sheila MacNeill: "Learning Technologist as Digital Pedagogue" Lesley Price: "Times they are a changing ...or not?" Sue Beckingham: "The Blended Professional: Jack-of-all-Trades and Master of Some?" Julian Stodd: "How gadgets help us learn" Terese Bird: "Students Leading the Way in Mobile Learning Innovation" Inge de Waard: "Tech Dandy, or the Art of Leisure Learning" Sharon Flynn: "Learning Technologists: changing the culture or preaching to the converted?" Mike McSharry: "This is your five-minute warning!"

## A Kripslod in the Realm

### Volume One of the Kripslod's Tale

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## Data Analytics for Beginners

### A Beginner's Guide to Learn and Master Data Analytics

*Createspace Independent Publishing Platform* If you are convinced that the world today is producing more data than the previous decades, then you understand that processing yesterday's data for today's use at times is not enough. The level of data analysis that is needed in highly competitive business environment needs to be processed, analyzed and used immediately for businesses to be ahead of their competition. Having this in mind, you need to understand from the ground up, what data is, the different types of data and how you should identify the right data for your business. To help you understand the simple basics of data and how it needs to be analyzed, then Data Analytics for Beginners is the book that you have been waiting for. The size and type of business you are running doesn't matter because after all, it will depend on your ability to understand the data that your business is exposed to so as to make better business decisions for the current working environment and the future. Are there patterns in your business that you cannot see? Do you want to make sense of the shopping trends of your clients to better enrich their experience? Do you want to know your target market even more? Do you want to better derive insights from the feedback your clients give you? These questions can only be answered when you perform a data analysis for your business. Collecting the data is one thing, analyzing them is another matter entirely as it is not something that can be done haphazardly by just looking at the data. If you hope to understand your data well, you need to understand the data you are collecting, the methods to use and the right tools to use when analyzing the data. Inside you will find valuable steps and tools that will help make your information work for you. Do not let yourself get complacent, stop looking at the data that you collect each day and start analyzing your data to move your business up. Get started by buying this book today! Inside you will find How data should be understood? Terms and concepts used in data analysis. Data mining and the different kinds of databases used to store data. How information can be retrieved and manipulated in the database to create a visual representation of what you want to know? The life cycle of data analysis. And more...

## 40 Homes

Jenny was left by her parents at a stranger's door. She goes from home to home hoping to find the home that will keep her and love her . But every home gets ripped from her fingers . The only stable thing in her unstable life is the social worker at the State Child Protection Office, Mary . Maybe with Mary, Jenny will find her way through the maze of life.

## Ballet 101: A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving the Ballet

*Turtleback Books* Like Opera 101, its successful predecessor, Ballet 101 takes an already popular yet sometimes intimidating subject and makes it accessible and understandable for everyone. Noted dance critic and teacher Robert Greskovic has written an entertaining, reader-friendly book that provides everything the novice needs to learn and to enjoy the ballet.

## 100 Places in Italy Every Woman Should Go

*Travelers' Tales* Imagine creating your Italian dream vacation with a fun-loving savvy traveler girlfriend whispering in your ear. Go along with writer Susan Van Allen on a femme-friendly ride up and down the boot, to explore this extraordinarily enchanting country where Venus (Vixen Goddess of Love and Beauty) and The Madonna (Nurturing Mother of Compassion) reign side-by-side. With humor, passion, and practical details, this uniquely anecdotal guidebook will enrich your Italian days. Enjoy masterpieces of art that glorify womanly curves, join a cooking class taught by revered grandmas, shop for ceramics, ski in the Dolomites, or paint a Tuscan landscape. Make your vacation a string of Golden Days, by pairing your experience with the very best restaurant nearby, so sensual pleasures harmonize and you simply bask in the glow of bell'Italia. Whatever your mood or budget, whether it's your first or your twenty-first visit, with 100 Places in Italy Every Woman Should Go, Italy opens her heart to you.

## Bravo! Brava! A Night at the Opera

## Behind the Scenes with Composers, Cast, and Crew

*Oxford University Press* A delightful introduction to opera, *Bravo! Brava! A Night at the Opera* teaches elementary school children what opera is by showing how it is made. "Who writes the words?", "Who makes an opera happen?" "Who is backstage?"--these questions and more are answered with easy-to-understand explanations and are illustrated with whimsical watercolors by the author. From composer, choreographer, and costume designers to the conductor, lighting and special effects crew, and, of course, the singers, the excitement builds as Anne Siberell explains each person's role in producing an opera. *Bravo! Brava! A Night at the Opera* reveals details of the most famous operas' plots and characters along the way and includes synopses of 27 popular operas, a glossary, suggestions for further reading, and an index.

## Culture and Power in Cultural Studies

### The Politics of Signification

*Edinburgh University Press* John Storey's best and most significant contributions to the field of cultural studies - together in a single volume.

### Phantasmagoria

### Sociology of Opera

*Routledge* First published in 1999, this original and entertaining sociological study takes a comprehensive and critical view of opera as unique cultural artefact as loss making 'industry', as institution with a 'museum' culture, and as consumed commodity of rare distinction and elaborate ritual. Specific chapters deal with opera within the contexts of musicological analysis, auratic art and fetishized taste: opera as business and as 'museum': singers' opera: producers' opera and audiences' opera. There is also a chapter on 'opera': popular, commercialised fragments of opera outside the opera house, consumed by and through all manner of reproduced means: CD, video, Three Tenors concerts: film and TV soundtracks: advertising jingles etc. Despite the supposed popularisation and successful commercial exploitation of 'opera' during the past decade or so, this study concludes that opera remains an art-form, institution and ritual of relative inaccessibility and exclusiveness. The commercial interest in and profitability of 'opera' do not translate into new 'popular' audiences in the opera house. The increased dependency of opera companies on corporate funding in the face of retreating government subsidies may have brought a new 'elite' audience into the expensive seats, pandered to by the introduction of surtitles etc., but the traditional 'elite' has succeeded in closing down entry to opera in other select venues where opera continues to confirm and maintain their select identity and prestige of their life-style.

### La Passione

### How Italy Seduced the World

*Crown Archetype* What makes Italian passion so undeniably unique? Dianne Hales unspools the answer to this question with gusto in *La Passione- How Italy Seduced the World*, her ambitious follow-up to *La Bella Lingua- My Love Affair with Italian, the World's Most Enchanting Language*. Whether they built aqueducts, chiseled arches, conducted choirs, directed movies, raced cars, or designed fashion and furniture, Italians have done so with a full-hearted zest that transforms everything they touched. What didn't exist, they invented- the first universities, public libraries, and law and medical schools; the first modern histories, satires, and sonnets; the battery, barometer, radio, and thermometer-even the gift of music. Dante and Petrarch, titans of the Italian language, translated their fervid love for idealized muses into literary landmarks. Michelangelo carved a Bacchus so sinuously delectable that a Florentine sniped, "Buonarrotti could not have sinned more with a chisel." Puccini swept listeners, in a biographer's words, "into that place where erotic passion, sensuality, tenderness, pathos, and despair meet and fuse." *La Passione* traces this earthly, earthy drive back to its roots, follows its course through the centuries, and chronicles its impact on the realms of literature, art, music, cuisine, and style, as its people came to embrace, fully and deeply, a passion for life itself. Combining her adroit journalist's eye with extensive research, Hales delves into passions of the heart, senses, and soul across the ages in this perfect read for the casual Italophile, inquisitive tourist, or history buff in your life.

### Classical Antiquity in Heavy Metal Music

*Bloomsbury Publishing* This book demonstrates the rich and varied ways in which heavy metal music draws on the ancient Greek and Roman world. Contributors examine bands from across the globe, including: Blind Guardian (Germany), Therion (Sweden), Celtic Frost, Eluveitie (Switzerland), Ex Deo (Canada/Italy), Heimdall, Stormlord, Ade (Italy), Kawir (Greece), Theatre of Tragedy (Norway), Iron Maiden, Bal-Sagoth (UK), and Nile (US). These and other bands are shown to draw inspiration from Classical literature and mythology such as the Homeric Hymns, Vergil's Aeneid, and Caesar's Gallic Wars, historical figures from Rome and ancient Egypt, and even pagan and occult aspects of antiquity. These bands' engagements with Classical antiquity also speak to contemporary issues of nationalism, identity, sexuality, gender, and globalization. The contributors show how the genre of heavy metal brings its own perspectives to Classical reception, and demonstrate that this music-often dismissed as lowbrow-engages in sophisticated dialogue with ancient texts, myths, and historical figures. The authors reveal aspects of Classics' continued appeal while also arguing that the engagement with myth and history is a defining characteristic of heavy metal music, especially in countries that were once part of the Roman Empire.

### The Great Movie Musical Trivia Book

*Hal Leonard Corporation* How much did Munchkins get paid? What great cultural institution stands on the site where *West Side Story* was filmed? Who was first considered for the role of *Mary Poppins*? *The Great Movie Musical Trivia Book* spins out revelation after revelation with entertaining answers to intriguing questions that will test the wits of even the most die-hard musical fan.

### The Bravest Voices

### A Memoir of Two Sisters' Heroism During the Nazi Era

*Harlequin* This timeless memoir documents two sisters' bravery leading up to WWII—a singular historical account that shines a light on one of humanity's darkest hours. *Ida and Louise Cook* are two ordinary Englishwomen, seemingly destined never to stray from their quiet London suburb and comfortable jobs—*Ida* as a budding romance novelist and *Louise* as a civil service typist. But in 1923, a chance hearing of an aria from *Madame Butterfly* sparked a passion for opera in the sisters that led to the formation of friendships with some of Europe's leading singers and their network, many of them Jewish. As the Nazis rose to power, *Ida* and *Louise* began working with the opera world's insiders to save members of the community from persecution and death. Through ingenuity, thrift and bottomless goodwill, the sisters eluded the suspicion of the Nazis and helped secure safe passage for dozens of refugees. No one would have predicted such daring lives for *Ida* and *Louise Cook*—but that underestimation is exactly how they were able to save lives. First published in 1950, *Ida's* memoir of the adventures she and *Louise* shared remains as fresh, vital and entertaining as the woman who wrote it, and is a moving testament to the extraordinary acts of courage by two everyday heroes.

### Safe Passage

### The Remarkable True Story of Two Sisters Who Rescued Jews from the Nazis

*Harlequin* A remarkable memoir about two sisters and their brave acts of resistance and heroism during World War II *Ida and Louise Cook* are two ordinary Englishwomen, seemingly destined never to stray from their quiet London suburb and comfortable civil service jobs. But in 1923, a chance encounter sparked a determination to rescue of dozens of Jews facing persecution and death. Even when *Ida* began to earn thousands as a successful romance novelist, the sisters never departed from their homespun virtues of thrift, hard work, self-sacrifice and unwavering moral conviction. Through ingenuity, bottomless goodwill, and incredible bravery, the *Cook* sisters embark on dangerous undercover missions into the heart of Nazi Germany. They directed every spare resource toward saving as many people as they could from Hitler's death camps, and coordinated networks of satellite families in safe nations for displaced Jews. No one would have predicted such glamorous and daring lives for *Ida* and *Louise Cook*—but saving people became their greatest happiness. First published in 1950, *Ida's* memoir of the adventures she and *Louise* shared remains as fresh, vital and entertaining as the woman who wrote it, and is a moving testament to the extraordinary acts of courage by two everyday heroes. "Safe Passage is well worth reading." —*The New Yorker*

## Attending and Enjoying Concerts

*Pearson College Division* For many students, the concert going experience is entirely new; they are not sure what to wear, how to plan for the event, when to applaud, how to use the program, and how to evaluate what they have heard. There are many different types of concert going opportunities: from traditional classical recitals to church choir performances to jazz and rock clubs, each having its own special etiquette and rules for behavior. This book will offer a concise, friendly guide for the student to how to attend and enjoy concerts as a lifelong activity.