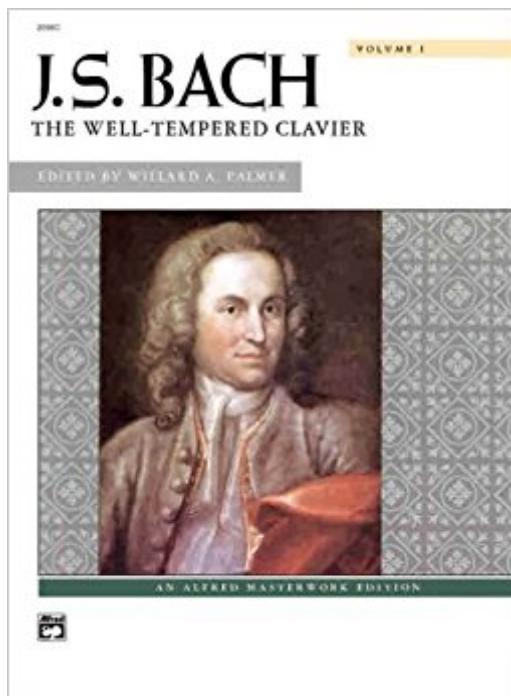


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As any classically trained musician knows, Bach's The Well Tempered Clavier is one of the most difficult pieces of music ever composed for the piano. Only the world's best concert pianists ever attempt to play the full thing in concert. This is just Vol. 1. The two volumes combined takes about 2 hours to play (and about 2 decades to learn to play.) Anyway, Bach is the preeminent composer of the baroque period and thus the Well Tempered Clavier is one of the most used teaching pieces in all of piano repertoire. Even the simpler selections are rather advanced so I was quite pleased this year, after 7 years of lessons, that my teacher felt I was ready to start tackling this. Of course, a review of the music is meaningless. It would be like reviewing the Declaration of Independence. What I can say is that, given the fact that this book will keep me busy for a number of years, it has very sturdy construction and is layed out in a very functional manner. There is also a great deal of supplementary information about Bach in the book that will be most useful in interpreting the performances of each piece. I am very pleased with it and look forward to a lot of usage.

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I need some editing to Baroque music because the trills etc are so different from the Romantic era. Dr Palmer does an outstanding job of explaining this Bach masterpiece. The interpretative suggestions and large print will save you so much time in getting introduced to these singular and commutative masterpieces. I also wish the now deceased Dr Palmer edited Bach Goldberg Variations in this detailed/insightful manner. His explanations are marked for those with others language skills and thus understood with minimal effort throughout. The fingering makes so much sense it nows has revived a love for Bach's solo piano works. I hope to review in ernest 12 Preludes and Fugues over the next several months.

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