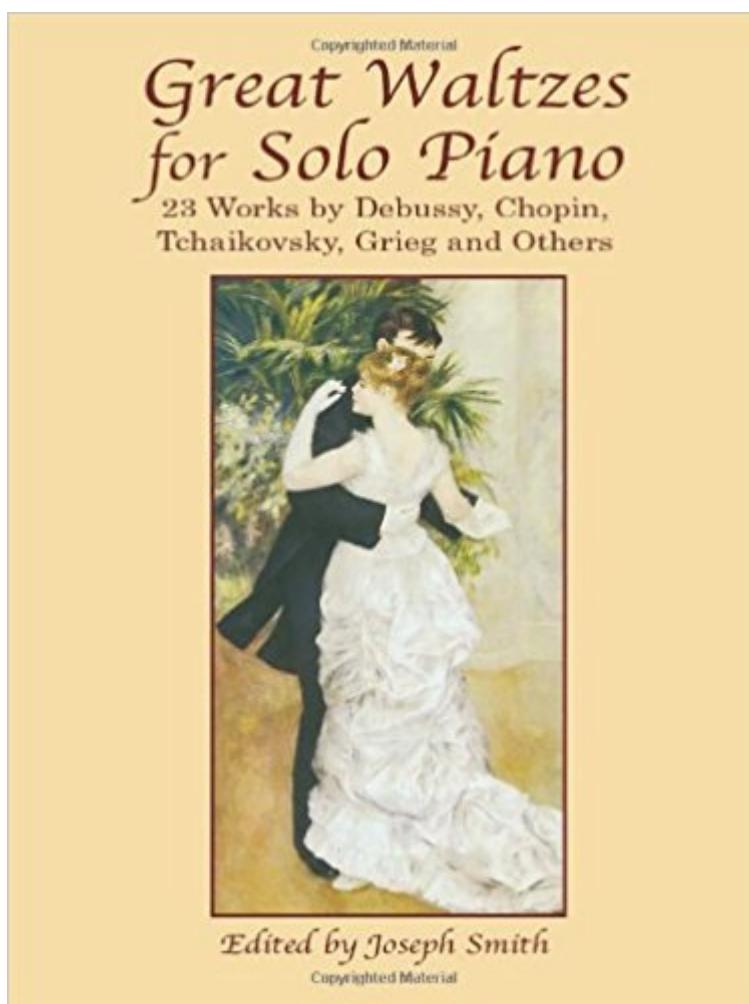


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The content is very good and as described. Besides being pleased with the variety, I was most satisfied with the clear printing (the music being not at all cramped), and that it did not possess the "Merry Widow Waltz." The introduction contains a short paragraph per composer; for example (this is a shorter one), "In Antonin Dvorak's E-flat waltz (1880), the whirling tempo and alternation of implied duple with explicit triple time suggests a conflation of waltz and the Czech dance furiant." A sample of the contents is: Invitation to the Dance, Op. 65, Carl Maria Von WeberWaltz in E-flat Major, WoO 84, BeethovenWaltz, Op. 124, no. 4, Robert SchumannValse Melancolique, Franz LisztWaltz in quintuple time, Op. 72, no. 16, TchaikovskyValse-Caprice No. 3 in G-flat Major, Op. 59, Gabriel FaureEchoes from the Snowball Club, Harry P. GuyViennese Dance No. 2, Ignaz FriedmanAll in all, a good compilation for those whose library of piano music is not already

extremely well stocked. However, the binding fell apart the first day I owned the book, which is, of course, a decided negative. Were I less pleased with the contents, I would not have given the higher rating of three stars. I am hoping to find a large folder to transfer the contents to.

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