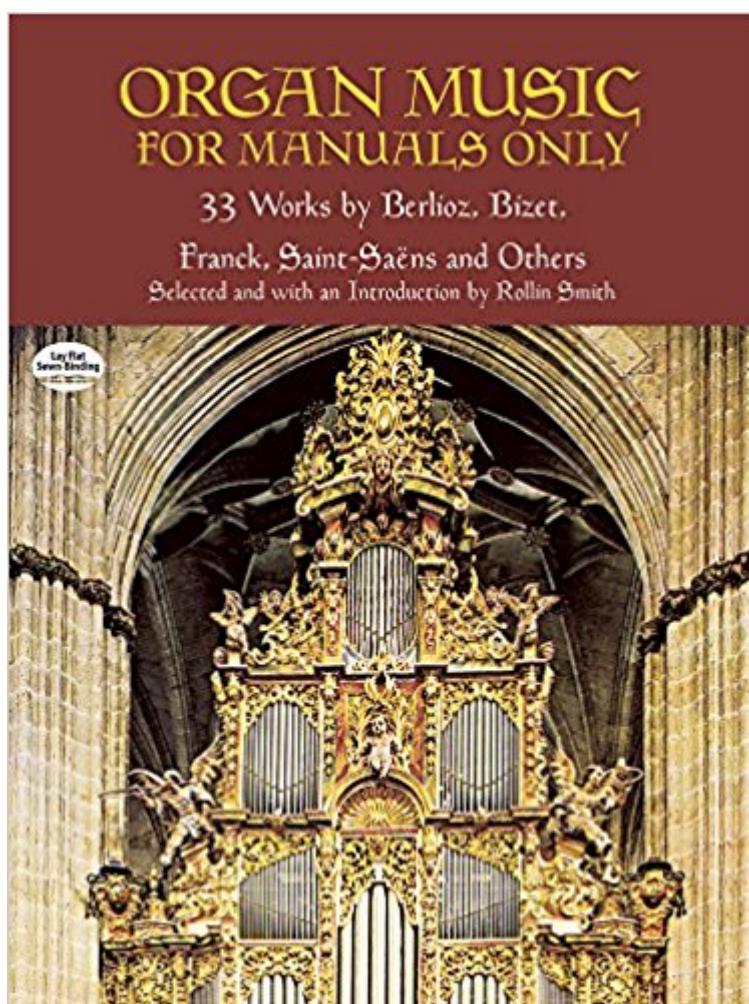


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Customer Reviews

I play organ in two churches, and I wanted to expand my repertoire. This manuals only book has an excellent selection of composers and types of music, but I do NOT recommend it to organists who are looking for simple pieces,-or organists who play in small or contemporary type congregations.

These pieces are advanced, and they require solid keyboard technique. They are also better suited to traditional, liturgical churches because they are purely classical. There are no familiar hymns or melodies that everyone will recognize. An excellent anthology for those who can utilize it.

Bought this for my home-town church organist upon the recommendation of my hubby (who is also an organist), because he mentioned wanting to put more classical music "back into his fingers". He plays really gorgeous preludes and postludes at mass now, and says that he loves the variety of music to practice with. My husband told me that even though the books says "manuals only" it is not exactly so. He said that there are plenty of moments for pedal play within the pieces, but that the broad focus is on playing manuals. I hope I explained that right? (I am clearly no organist, but it made a great gift and I love hearing the pieces played at church).

Not for the piano!

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