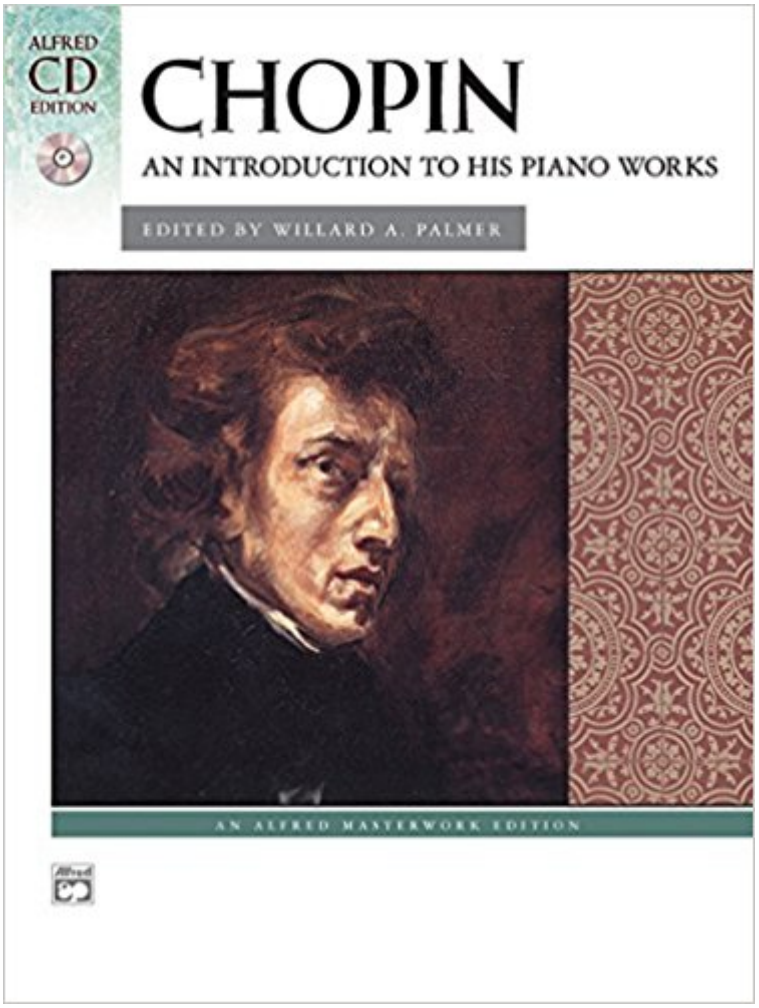
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Chopin: An Introduction To His Piano Works (Book & CD)



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Synopsis

Known as a ""pianist's composer,"" Chopin's love, passion and devotion to piano music resulted in more than 200 compositions. This collection contains the more accessible pieces which still have vivid melodies and lush harmonies. The Alfred Masterwork CD Editions conveniently combine each exceptional volume with a professionally recorded CD that is sure to inspire artistic performances. Pianist Valery Lloyd-Watts studied at the Conservatory of Music in Toronto and the Royal College of Music in London. She earned a Master of Music degree from the University of Wisconsin, where she studied with Paul Badura-Skoda.

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Customer Reviews

Great introduction to Chopin's work. My teacher had me get this book, and it has been fun to learn, as his music is quite beautiful. I also love having the CD with it, so you know how the songs are meant to be played.

Overall, this is a good introduction to Chopin's music for the intermediate to upper intermediate student. Chopin's music is generally quite challenging, and this book has compiled some of his "easier" works.However, one of the waltzes is in a simplified version. I don't know if Chopin himself wrote two versions of this waltz, but I know I have played it in a somewhat more difficult -- and more interesting -- version. Don't know why the easier version was selected for the book because there are other selections in the book that are more difficult than the more complex version of that

waltz.Also, the cover of the book came off within two months of my having the book. And I was not hard on it. I didn't carry it around places; it never left my piano. Since most piano students do, in fact, carry their music around, to lessons and such, it seems that the book should be constructed in a more durable manner.

I just received this and am listening to the CD right now. Just for the CD alone, the money is well spent. As for the book, it is BY FAR the best I have ever seen regarding slightly varying Chopin pieces to make them more accessible to intermediate players. I am absolutely thrilled with this purchase. In fact, best purchase in a long, long time! In any category!

I like the B minor waltz op.69 no 2 as it isn't the Fontana edition. As is the same for op 69, no 1(L adieu). However, I feel the phrasing in the Fontana editions are better. The pedaling suggestions for Prelude in E minor are nice too.

Excelent, I love this book!

This is a very good book for intermediate players. I love Chopin's work and this book has given to me a lot of enjoyment.

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