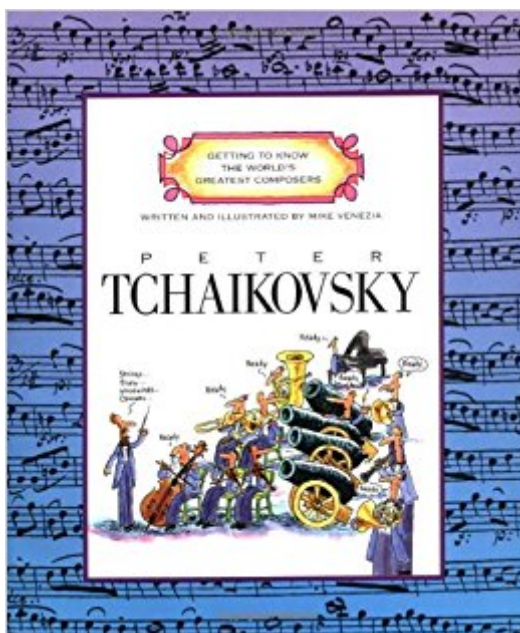


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Peter Tchaikovsky (Getting To Know The World's Greatest Composers)



Synopsis

The author/illustrator of the highly successful Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists series lends his creative talents to another fun, informative series, this one featuring world-famous composers.

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Customer Reviews

This is one in a wonderful series of books intended to introduce young readers to the lives of famous composers. Tchaikovsky was an interesting character, to say the least, and Venezia does a nice job of expressing that in an amusing way without losing respect for the composer. Venezia picks out events in Tchaikovsky's life that children can relate to and at the same time, see his unique way of dealing with life. As with all the books in this series, the best part are the illustrations. Cartoonlike and colorful; they are full of details and wonderfully amusing.

bought for grand children ... they love it along with other books for kids about classical composers and CD's that I picked for them. I also bought them a Cd player of their own so they can listen to various passages of music on their own ... they love it all and ask each other when hearing a piece whether it is Mozart or Beethoven or ... - grkids range from 4 to 9

I'm a parent and have been music teacher for over 20 years, in public and private schools and studios. Surprisingly, it's pretty difficult to find books on composers written for kids. Over the years, I developed my lesson plans by culling through my college music history books, encyclopedic compilations (e.g. Grove's Music Dictionary, Oxford Junior Music Companion), or biographies of composers written for adults. This series is absolutely FANTASTIC, and perfect for school-age children, whether you're a teacher or a parent. I bought all the books in the series, which include many wonderful composers, including contemporaries like Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein, who are frequently overlooked in school-age education in favor of the usual, Mozart and Beethoven. Illustrations on every page along with the text, makes this series engaging and appealing for adults reading to children or children who are reading. Two thumbs way up!

This whole series of books is fantastic for introducing great composers. I wish there were a lot more of them. They would be great in any home library and I get a lot of information from them to use in my fine arts program. Concise and complete.

Thought this series was great for my elementary students, grade 3 and above (to gr. 8?). It has a lot of serious info about the composer, but also little caricatures & comic book-style pics in most pages. which would appeal to young people. Will definitely buy more of these books about different composers.

All of the Getting to Know the World's Greatest Composers books are good. Tchaikovsky's is full of information AND the funniest cartoons! I read it before I read it to my daughter and I laughed out loud while learning at the same time. Moviemaniac

This book has made Tchaikovsky's music even more interesting to our family. The book was comprehended and enjoyed by my 5 and 8 year old daughters. Nice use of humor in the cartoons to lighten it up.

This biography is simple but effective. Kids like the cartoons, and parents will like the photographs and portraits. This is a good biography for early grades -- it does not dwell on Tchaikovsky's hypochondrianism, but it also does not explore his genius. Some vocabulary includes: melody, symphony, composer, peasant, audience, salary, criticize...

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