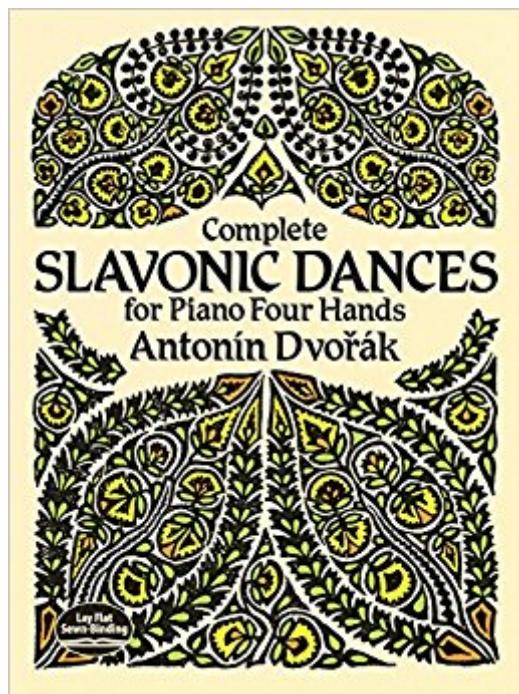


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Customer Reviews

First, I'll say I knew about this music before I purchased the book on , so there were no surprises here. I had sight read some duets back in college and remembered the Dvorak being very unusual and very folkish. I found this edition that has both complete works and I love it. If you've never owned a Dover edition before--I'll warn you that the printing is not as easy to read as some more expensive editions, but you get a lot of book for your money with Dover and I find this one easy enough to read.

If only this volume was just a tiny bit larger with more notes on each page. The binding does not allow for easy page turns (I'm starting a crusade for spiral binding **EVERYTHING** here!) either. BUT

the music is just great of course. As with some piano reductions (from orchestral music), some of the voicings are a bit tricky and you will have to work these out with your playing partner, but there is nothing really virtuosic here and I would put it around grade 7. It's very pleasant to play and should entertain for hours. I'm very happy with it. Just bigger and SPIRAL bound please!

I love Dvorak and I love duets. This is perfect! You have to be willing to put in a little work (as does your duet partner), but the results are worth it! (I personally enjoy Op 46 better than Op 72 [these are the two opuses in this edition] because it tends to be more upbeat and feel more festive, but they are both full of beautiful music.) As for the edition, the music is clear to read (if a little on the small side). The big issue with this is simply that it does not lay flat easily, despite the label calling it a lay-flat binding. Then again, what books that aren't spiral bound do actually lay flat? There are a couple of places that I would have appreciated a little more editorial guidance, particularly for pedaling issues. But part of the fun is figuring those things out as an ensemble.

Great collection of music thanks!

Good value, wonderful music.

Lots of fun to play.

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