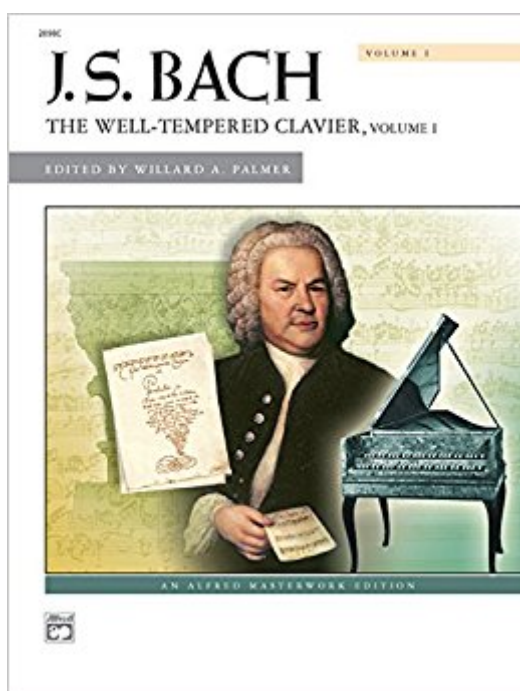


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Customer Reviews

I am extremely happy with the Alfred Masterwork Editions of WTC I & II. Yes, they are more expensive than some other editions you find on , but the quality you get with these volumes, both in terms of the physical materials used and the painstaking effort that has gone into editing them, is fantastic. Both Willard Palmer (editor of WTC I) and Judith Schneider (editor of WTC II) seem to have done their very best to piece together versions of the WTC that are more accurate to the intentions of Bach than any other version I have seen in print. Each volume starts with a 25-30 page introduction explaining various aspects of WTC I & II. These sections are very valuable to beginning and intermediate students of Bach because they briefly explain the background of the WTC, including the historical developments that prompted Bach to write them. Also described are the

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