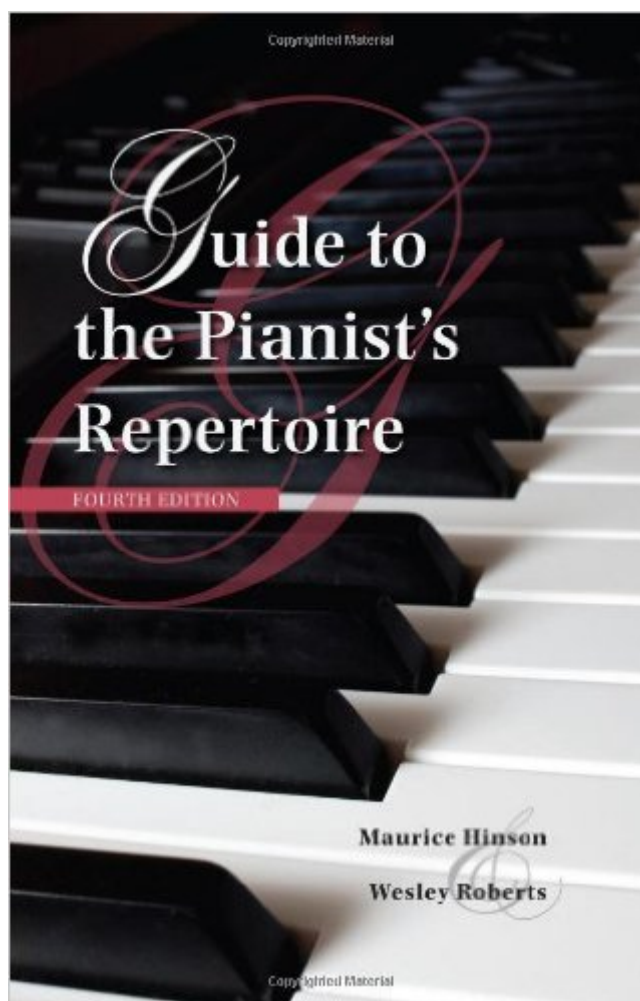


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Forty years have elapsed since the first edition of this Guide appeared. One would think that during that time, sufficient opportunities would have been available for a thorough re-examination of its contents--whether for the correction of errors, the addition of previously-omitted composers and works, and for the style and usefulness of the descriptions. To a limited extent this has been done for the new 4th edition, which is some 250 pages larger than its predecessor. Unfortunately far too many problems still remain. Any reference book is only as useful as what it contains for whatever the user is looking up at the moment. From that standpoint, why are only a few of Beethoven's variation sets and Bagatelles described or listed? No one would insist on descriptions of all 555 Scarlatti Sonatas, but only 15 are singled out for specific mention. Similarly, there is an arbitrary selection of

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