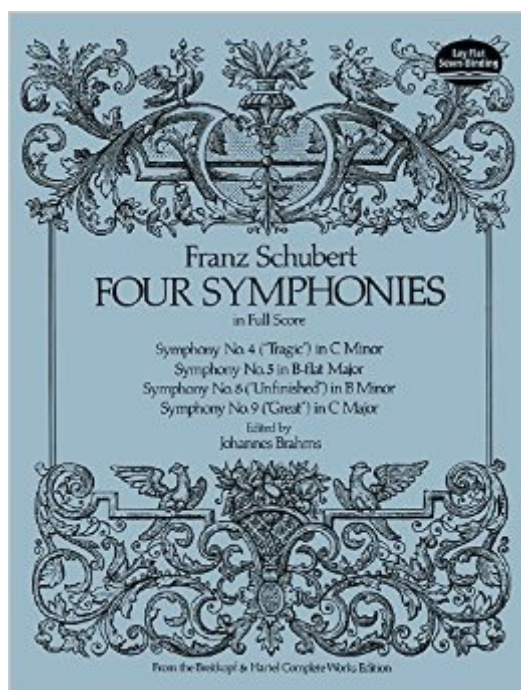


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Customer Reviews

This score is typical Dover. The quality depends on whatever original edition they are using as source. So, regarding printing quality, this one is ok. The three stars don't really apply to Dover, but to the fact that the music printed here follows Brahms' edition. It would be nice, and it is passed the

time, to have Schubert's original text. This would clear up where are all the accents that Brahms interpreted as decrescendo, so on and so forth.

These Four Symphonies by Schubert are perhaps his best, with the 8th 'The Unfinished', and #9 'The Great' perhaps being the best known. But the Mozartean #5 and the 'Tragic' #4 are little gems that showcase Schubert's genius as well. Dover's edition is taken from the complete works of Schubert as printed by Breitkopf and Hartel. The editor of this edition of the symphonies was no less a musician than Johannes Brahms! A fine edition, excellent for study and following along while the music plays. Recommended!

No bar numbers, and letters only in the Great. If you like the "traditional" editions - those prepared by Brahms - it will do the job. However, recent performances are based on new editions with some corrections (like that by Brian Newbould, which is my favourite). Unlike other editions, the few bars Schubert left for the scherzo of the Unfinished are not included.

Reading along with these books is a great way to listen to classical music. It's more like reading a novel because I'm so easily distracted when listening to a long piece of music. I don't need any special musical knowledge, and get a much clearer sense of the different voices. I'm surprised how much more I remember later after following along with a full score. And you can play bits on a guitar or recorder - very cool.

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