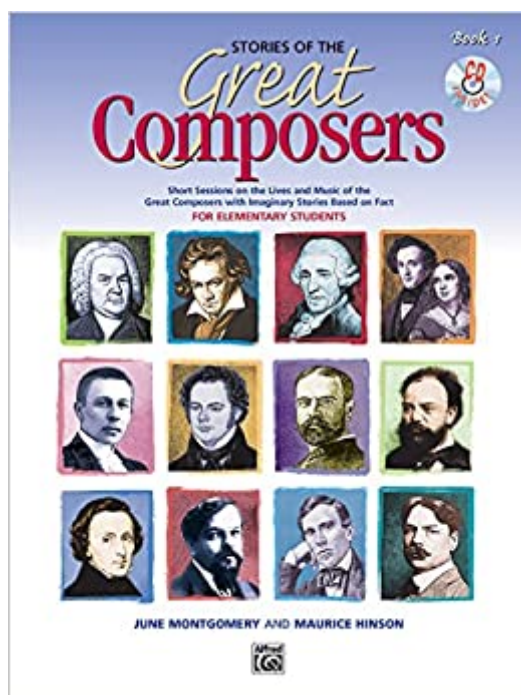


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# Stories Of The Great Composers: Book & CD (Learning Link)



## Synopsis

It is important that young students learn about the lives of the great composers who have enriched our lives with beautiful music. The 12 units in *Stories of the Great Composers* give elementary students a glimpse into each composer's life, character and music. Includes a CD recording of the suggested listening, featuring one composition by each composer.

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Did you know that Bach was more well-known as an organist than a composer in his lifetime? Did you know none of his compositions were discovered during his lifetime outside of the church where he worked? These and many other interesting facts are hidden in this book. Each composer's life story begins with his place of birth and the period of classical music he was born. Then the chapter continues with a brief biography of the composer. A short imaginary (but based on real facts) story about a day in the life of the composer keeps things interesting for the young readers. Finally, there is a 'mix-and-match' word game on the facts about that composer. The book also includes a CD with example of compositions (mostly the popular ones, not the ones that shows the unique style) from that composer. Overall this is a great introduction to classical composers for your young one, and sometimes for the parents as well. Alfred Music, a well known music related publisher, has a bunch of books that introduces classical music to the elementary students. This book is possibly the very first that young future classical music lover should be introduced to. Some areas of

improvement for a later print:When introducing the composers, recall the book talked about the 'period of classical music' he was born in? But what are those periods of classical music? What was 'Baroque' and what was 'Classical' period?Also the example composition from the composer in the CD often seems to have been played on synthesizer, not a real instrument like organ or violin. I expected a better quality from Alfred. If you are worried about this aspect, play a real symphony-led piece after the CD example to your young one and let him/her find out the difference.Now, who discovered and introduced Bach's compositions to the world many after he passed away?Read this book and you will discover the answer.

this is a very nice book. This can be used for someone who just wants to learn more about classical music and great composers. We use it as part of our homeschool music curriculum. It has a nice CD that goes along with the book. My kids enjoy it. I would definitely recommend this to other homeschoolers or anyone who just wants to learn more about this subject.

This is a fun way for kids to get to know a little bit more about famous composers. I love that it comes with a CD of compositions from the composers that you can listen to during your studies. As an accomplished pianist myself who teaches piano lessons and homeschools, I love having this resource available to my students and my children.

I love this book. My niece has been playing classical music on piano. She plays incredibly, however one important factor missing from her lessons is the knowledge of the composers. Now she has a tool, a book and CD to learn about the amazing composers and the music she plays. I'm happy I purchased this book and she is as well. Thanks !!

We homeschool, and I wanted to get my daughter started in arts history and appreciation. This is perfect for her: she's 8, a good reader, and loves the narratives about the composers' lives.

We are really enjoying this book. This is a great way to introduce your children to Great Composers of the ages! Each week, we are reading about one new composer and listening to the music piece on the included CD. We are also using a free downloadable series by Thomas Tapper that you can find for free at Project Gutenberg. [...]

Does not list who is in the book, so you have to look carefully at the cover pictures. It is a good book

with much information. I wish they had made a 2nd to include more well known composers.

This book is good for what it is, but I found that there are a book 1 and book 2 of Great Composers and I like those better. They gave a little more information that I enjoyed having to share with my children.

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