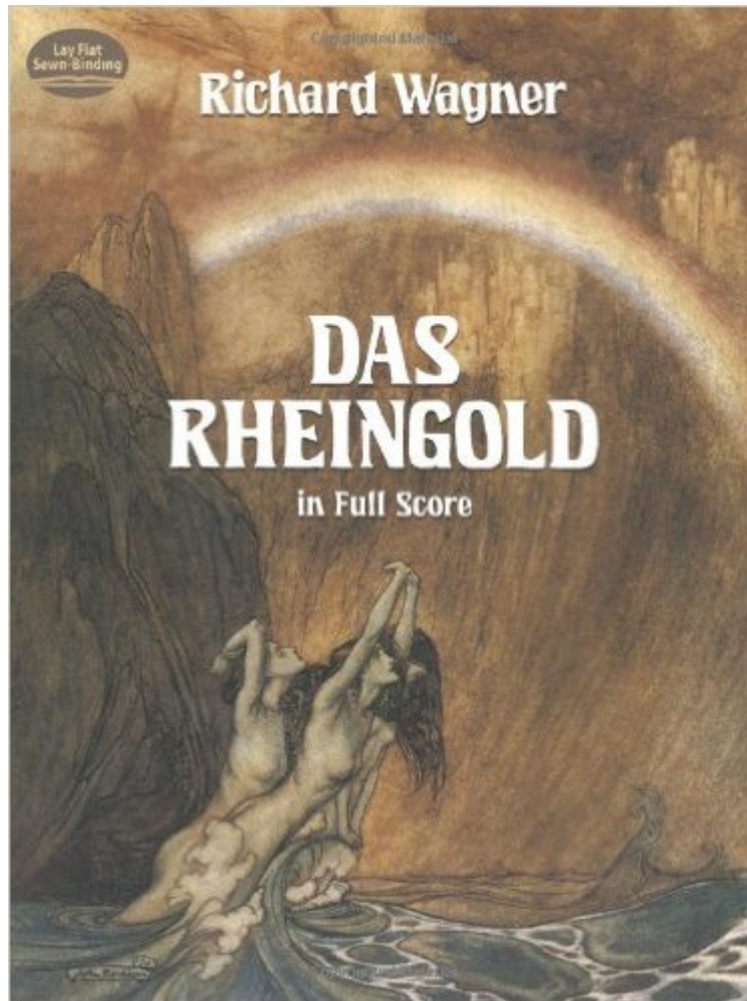


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Wagner's ring is a remarkable achievement. Among other things, it offers filmmakers, such as George Lucas, a model of how to create an epic drama involving multiple generations of characters, which nonetheless holds together on stage (or, for Lucas' purposes, on film). To my taste, some of the Ring's most memorable moments, both musically and dramatically, are found in Das Rheingold. Dover reprinted the B. Schott's Söhne edition from the late 19th century. Schott's was Wagner's original publisher, ergo, this edition was subject to approval by Wagner himself. It's a large book,

and it might well be possible to conduct from it. The book is, as always with Dover, well crafted, easy to read, and printed on acid-free, fade-resistant paper. There are English translations of the frontmatter, but no German glossary of musical terms. In many of my recent Dover reviews, I have failed to mention that the score is reasonably priced. The reason I haven't is because with Dover, that simply goes without saying.

I've always loved Wagner's RING operas, and Dover does the world a great favor, imo, in making the full scores available in attractive, fairly low-cost editions.

Again, Keith Dillon has taken my words out of my mouth before they could be said! I second all he says about this opera unreservedly. The only reason I can't give this excellent reprint of Schott's first edition a full 5 stars is the same as for the equivalent reproductions of the scores of Siegfried (though there I compromised) and Götterdämmerung

Suberp. Clear and accurate. I have a bunch of Wagner scores, and this is as good as any of them. Wagner wouldn't be half as much fun without the full scores.

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