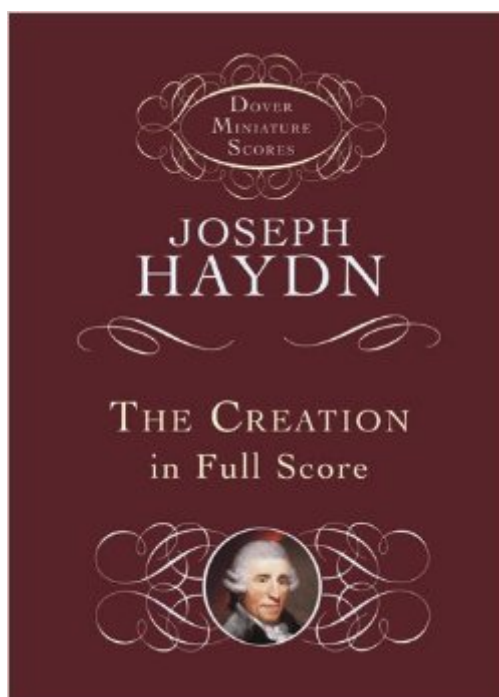


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Customer Reviews

Dover deserves praise for making the score of Haydn's masterpiece available at such a low price. Naturally, what you get is not the most recent scholarship, but rather a reproduction of an old out-of-copyright edition (C. F. Peters, Leipzig, 19th century). At the price, this is fair. The text is legible, but not outstandingly so. I would guess that Dover reduced a full-size conductor's score slightly, to piano-music size. But the result is far more legible than a miniature score of the kind sold by Eulenberg would be. Note that this score is for the purpose of study and following along while you listen. For actual performances, a choral singer would need a normal choral part (various

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It is what it is. It's a score of Haydn's Creation. Nothing more, nothing less. It serves the purpose that it intends to.

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