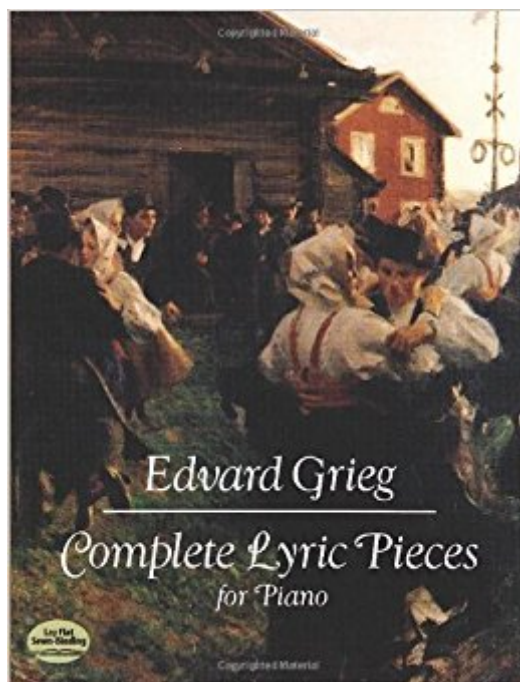


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I'm a stickler for good editions, so I normally don't buy Dover. This edition however, is clearly printed, has large pages and is generally easy to read. If you're a fan of Grieg, and I am, you can't do without this set. Also, it's a steal. As far as its "scholarliness" is concerned, I own several other editions and haven't noticed any important differences between the scores.

This Dover edition is a great buy at the list price already, but 's price is just ludicrously cheap! The binding has held together perfectly so far, and does for the most part stay flat. In the book's extremities, however, it does need a little bit of help to stay open and lay flat when you first buy it. The printing is clear, dark, and easy to read, as well as not too densely packed on the page. Reprinted from older C.F. Peters editions, the engravings etc. seem accurate and reputable. Grieg's Lyric Pieces are pleasant, varied, and not very difficult to learn. If you seek a book of piano music from which you can pick pieces at random to read for pleasure, this is it! As noted on the back cover, Grieg's harmonies here are interesting and late-Romantic, sometimes anticipating the music of Debussy and Ravel, et al. The melodies are charming and often memorable as well. Each piece functions on its own and as a member of its specific opus numbered set. Also, the entire cycle of pieces works as a whole. I like how the last piece is a reflection on and a re-imagining of the first. Overall, there's just about something for everyone interested in piano music in this volume. Note: coming back to my review, I kind of feel bad about using the term "salon music" in the original title! I feel that Grieg put a lot of genuine emotion into these utterly delightful mood pieces, and the more I play them the more I get out of them. I'm still loving it months after purchase, the book is still in nearly perfect condition, and I plan to play from it for the rest of my life. You can enjoy it too, it's worth the modest investment.

I had my doubts about buying this book at \$3.99 and I don't typically put too much stock in a Dover publication. But this complete edition of the Grieg Lyric Pieces is a great unabridged republication of the 1989 edition. The notes and bars are clearly readable and well spaced. Although they do say that this book has a "lay flat sewn-binding" it really doesn't lay flat. I recommend having Kinko's cut the binding off and put a coil binding on it--that's what I do for all of my music books; works great.

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