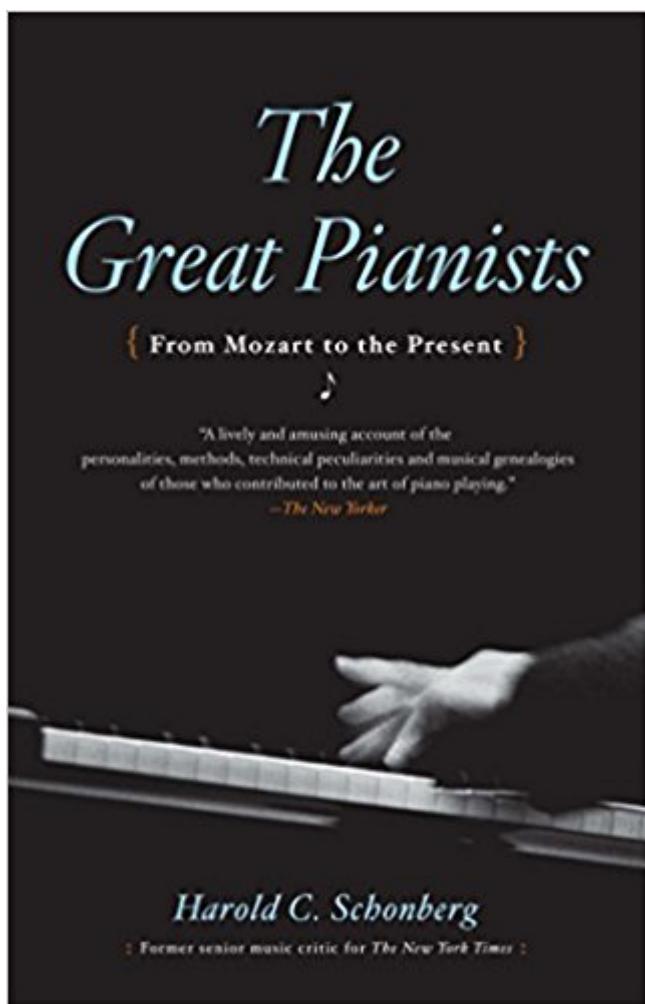


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This is a fabulous book that will be a classic for all time--a big improvement over texts on music history I read as a college student. It is inspiring and useful for pianists of all levels but also makes delightful and valuable reading even for music lovers who are not musicians themselves. It is filled with personal information about the great pianists and so entertaining that it ended up replacing some of the crime and mystery novels I was reading just for pleasure. When I finish this I will certainly also get his book on Lives of the Great Composers.

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