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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4-8-Orchestra Bob guides readers through a delightful musical journey. The book is divided into two major parts: composers from Vivaldi to Bernstein and their associated musical periods, and the instruments of the orchestra. There are interesting and sometimes humorous bits of information about the men, their music, and corresponding historical events. The last two pages introduce the conductor. Quotations, boxed definitions, and the captions that accompany the colorful photos and spot cartoon drawings enhance the instructive text. In some places, however, the drawings are in stark contrast to the photos and take away from the overall appearance of a page. An accompanying CD provides musical selections for readers to listen to at specific places in the text. These selections are short enough to keep young listeners' attention. Although some well-known figures, such as Handel, Schubert, and Strauss, are missing, this is a fun way to travel through the world of music.

Susan Shaver, Hemingford Public Schools, NE

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Gr. 5-7. Orchestra Bob--a dapper figure in a dove-gray tux--introduces young people first to the development and history of orchestral music and a number of famous composers and then to the instruments of the orchestra by section. Each page or two is keyed to a brief selection on an accompanying CD that illustrates the musical idea or instrument discussed. Text and images are extremely lively: the drawings are whimsical and often amusing; the photographs of the individual instruments are clear and clearly labeled. Text rarely extends for more than a paragraph or two before a box, a quote, or a related comment appears, making the pages very inviting. Children will absorb how various instruments are held and played. Levine relates the sound and sense of music in ways children will respond to easily: a quote describes the double bass as sounding like chocolate. The CD excerpts are crisply presented--one would wish to know who recorded them. *GraceAnne DeCandido*

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From the Inside Flap

The Story of the Orchestra

I'm Orchestra Bob and I'm here to lead you on an exciting journey through the world of classical music. Listen, learn and enjoy as I cue powerful works from the greatest composers in the world. Along the way, I'll tell you wonderful and wacky stories about deaf composers, quirky musicians and the inspirations behind the great works.

You'll hear Wagner's powerful Ride of the Valkyries and imagine the warrior goddesses on horseback storming through the battlefields. Beethoven will inspire you with selections from his two most famous pieces, the 5th and 9th symphonies, and you'll tap your toes to Bernstein's jazzy dance music from West Side Story.

Then, I'll introduce you to the beautiful instruments of the orchestra from common ones that you have probably seen and heard to rare and weird-looking ones that produce strange sounds. It's my honor to take

you on this grand journey, and I think you'll find it as thrilling as I do.

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Blake Westerman:

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