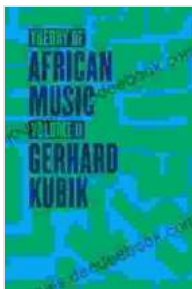


# Theory of African Music Volume II: Chicago Studies in Ethnomusicology

The field of ethnomusicology, which investigates the music of diverse cultures, has found rich and fertile ground in the study of African music. Africa's vast cultural diversity is reflected in its equally diverse musical traditions, ranging from the complex polyrhythms of West Africa to the intricate melodic structures of Central Africa and the vibrant vocal styles of East Africa.



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## **Theoretical Foundations**

The book's first section explores the theoretical underpinnings of African music. John Blacking's essay, "The Anthropology of Music," lays the groundwork by discussing the relationship between music and culture, emphasizing the importance of understanding musical practices within their social and cultural contexts.

Other essays in this section delve into specific aspects of African musical theory, such as the use of harmony, rhythm, and melody. A.M. Jones's chapter, "Harmonic Structures in African Music," examines the diverse ways in which African musicians create and utilize harmony, challenging the notion that harmony is a purely Western concept.

Similarly, David Rycroft's essay, "Rhythm and Tempo in African Music," explores the intricate rhythmic patterns that characterize African music, highlighting their cultural significance and the ways in which they are transmitted and learned.

## **Cultural Context**

The second section of the book shifts the focus to the cultural context of African music. Essays in this section examine the role of music in various African cultures, from religious ceremonies to social gatherings and political events.

In her chapter, "Music and Ritual in Africa," Judith Becker investigates the close relationship between music and ritual practices in African societies, exploring how music shapes and enhances religious experiences and reinforces social norms.

David Coplan's essay, "The Social and Political Uses of Music in Africa," examines the ways in which music is used to express political and social messages, mobilize communities, and negotiate power dynamics.

## **Performance Practices**

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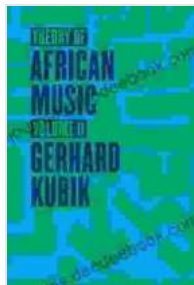
Charles Keil's chapter, "The Structure of African Music Performance," analyzes the various elements that come together to create a cohesive musical performance, including the interaction between musicians, the use of space, and the audience's participation.

Margaret Kartomi's essay, "Instruments of African Music," provides a detailed overview of the diverse instruments used in African music, from stringed instruments like the kora to percussion instruments like the djembe.

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foundations, cultural context, and performance practices provide a holistic perspective on the subject, illuminating the multifaceted nature of one of the world's most vibrant and dynamic musical traditions.



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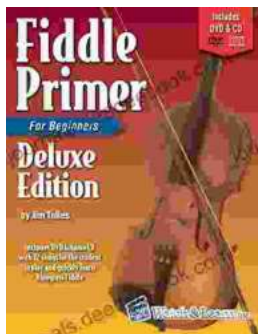
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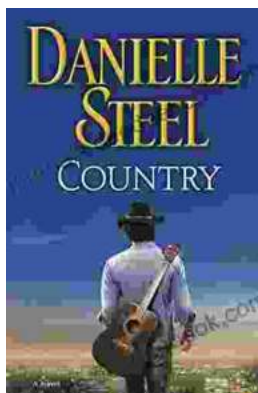
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