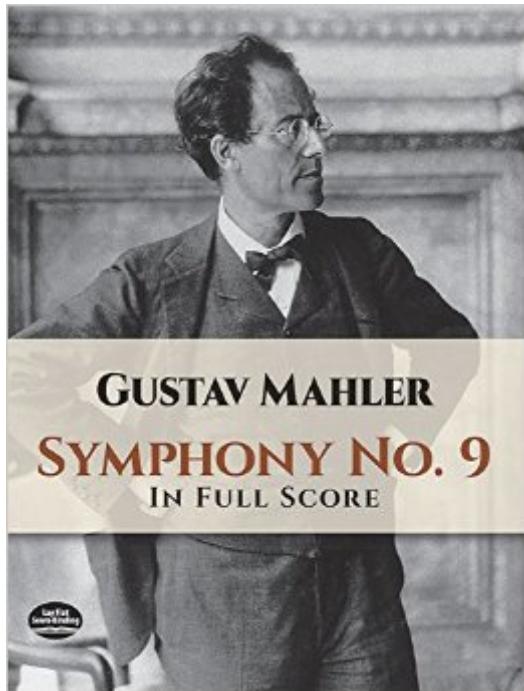


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"Mahler inherited the romantic conception of music as an expression of a quest for spiritual reality | he expressed a four-sided conflict between a devouring love of life, a spiritual need, a skeptical intellect, and an existential dread of ultimate meaninglessness." | Encyclopaedia Britannica. In this great work, Mahler experimented with the four-movement symphonic form, producing a masterpiece of musical innovation, satiric writing, and poetic drama expressed in purely instrumental terms. Alban Berg referred to the first movement of the Ninth Symphony as "the most glorious [Mahler] ever wrote," and further observed, "the whole movement is based on a premonition of death which constantly recurs | that is why the tenderest passages are followed by tremendous climaxes like new eruptions of a volcano." Now the full orchestral score of the Ninth Symphony is available in the inexpensive, high-quality edition, reprinted from an authoritative Viennese score. Music lovers and admirers of Mahler's work will find in these pages abundant evidence of the fresh and formidable thinking the composer brought to this monumental composition.

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Mahler's Ninth Symphony is surely one of the finest works ever penned for orchestra. But the Dover score, though inexpensive, is problematic. As Mr. Sawhill notes, the print is very small, surprisingly so for a fairly good-sized score. This is compounded by the poor condition of the source score used, whose faded print results in missing staff lines, several missing notes and unclear or absent

accidentals. And the source is the old 1912 Universal edition, not the newer, corrected edition; a quick comparison reveals a number of missing dynamics and expression markings (so important in Mahler!). Of course you can take the time to write the corrections and changes into the Dover, but you'll need to decide for yourself if it's worth your time and energy.

It wasn't so long ago that a full score of a Mahler symphony cost a week's wages. Dover has made a large part of the classical canon available to music lovers without deep pockets or institutional affiliation. Of course they must cut some corners, and here they use a very small font to get everything on the relatively small pages (8 1/2 x 11). On some pages the font is REALLY small, but the notes are all so clear that it's quite readable - though not, to be sure, from a conductor's podium. This is a study score, not a performing score. As such, it's fine. Highly recommended.

Mahler's 9th is one of the most incredible symphonies ever written. It is an immensely complex and detailed score, one that is difficult if not impossible to appreciate without the aid of a score. It also allows the reader to see the inner workings of Mahler's compositional genius, combining motives in the most subtle of ways.

Once I had collected a number of orchestras performing all of Mahler's symphonies, I couldn't think of a better way to enhance my collection than to get the full scores, too. Sometimes I even play my clarinet along with the orchestra on the CD! What a joy! If you love Mahler -- and especially if you have a collection of his symphonies -- your compendium isn't truly complete without the full scores. The Dover Mahler scores are outstanding!

Print is so small it's illegible. Format not very convenient for music scores either., since moving around the score is much harder than a real book :(I used this on Kindle for iPad on a retina 10 inch iPad, I believe it's called generation 4 iPad or such

This a very well printed score. It's very easy to see the notes and the instrument names are printed on each stave of each page for easy reference. I would definitely suggest this product for study more than rehearsal or performing, though. The print is too small to see from a podium.

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