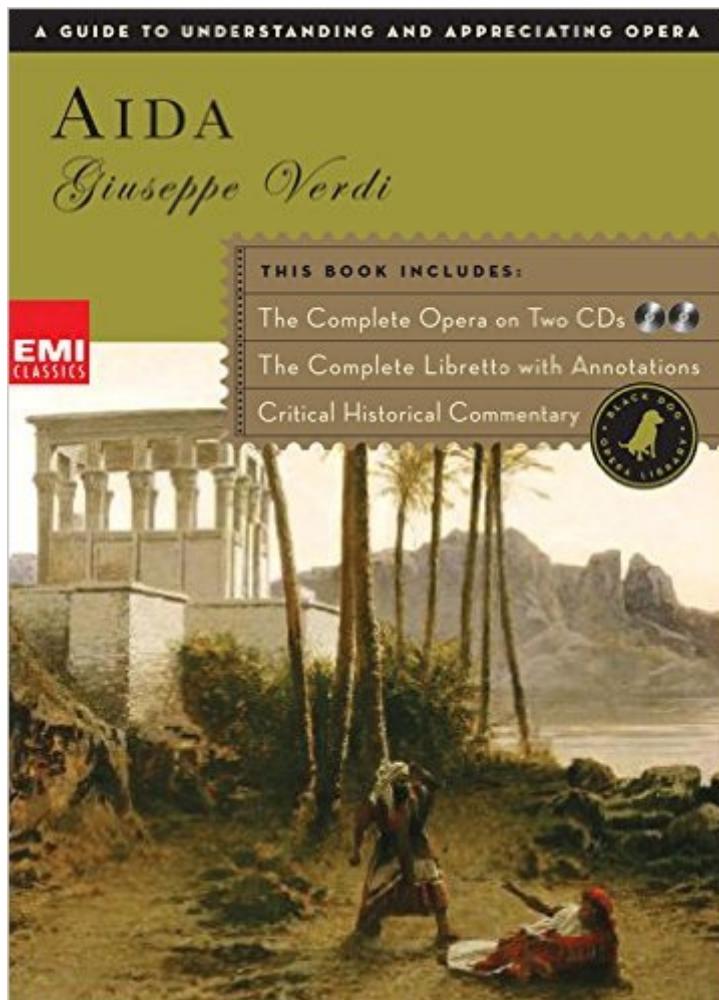


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# Aida: Black Dog Opera Library (Book & Audio CD)



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Wow. This Black Dog Library production of Aida is superb. The 144 page hard cover book includes two CDs with stunning performances by Birgit Nilsson (Aida) and Franco Corelli (Radames). Zubin Mehta conducted the orchestra. Written by David Foil who clearly knows his subject, the book illuminates a subject that is dark and confusing to many individuals. In this publication, Foil explains the circumstances under which Giuseppe Verdi accepted the commission to write Aida. He follows through with clear details on the scope of the production and its place in the pantheon of grand opera, comparing and contrasting with Wagner and Meyerbeer. This package contains the complete opera on two CDs; the complete libretto in both Italian and English and critical historical commentary. Last, but not least, there are dozens of photographs that bring the words and music to life.

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