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From the Author

This book is essential for all composers and arrangers. My book covers all essential aspects of traditional music notation. My experience as a teacher of music theory at the college level has shown that students of composition are very weak in their knowledge of the rights and wrongs of music notation. My book serves to correct this fault in a clear and concise manner. Even for those composers who produce musical scores on a computer program, they must have a clear grasp of notational principles, since the computer does not know all of the rules. A score that is correct in every way in terms of notation is extremely important if you expect to receive performance. -- George Heussenstamm

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