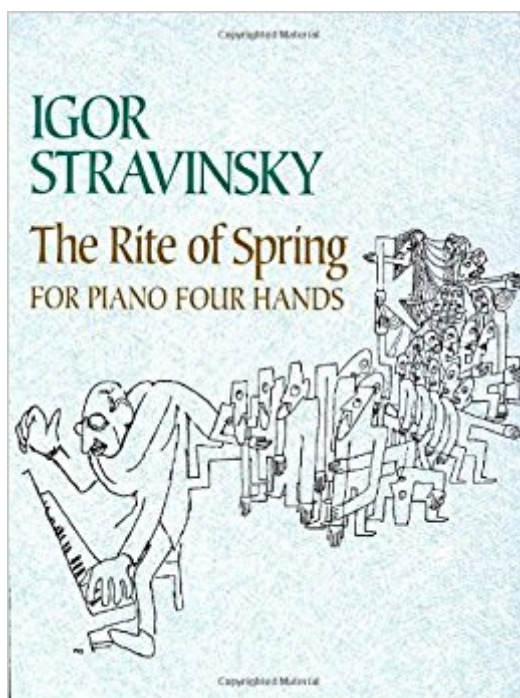


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## Synopsis

Composed for Sergei Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, *The Rite of Spring* premiered in 1913 at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris. Igor Stravinsky's harmonically adventurous score--along with a scenario of pagan sacrifice and Vaslav Nijinsky's unconventional choreography--excited both opposition and support, and the event's climax in a near-riot remains among the most notorious premieres in music history. Stravinsky created a version of the orchestral score for piano four hands, and it was in this form that the piece was first published in 1913; the full score was unavailable in print until 1921. World War I's disastrous effects permeated every aspect of European life, and there were few performances of the work in the years following its composition--which made this arrangement the primary introduction to the work. Scaled down for rehearsal purposes, this reduction provides a practical opportunity for two pianists to perform the complete work, or for listeners to delve inside the structure behind Stravinsky's landmark opus.

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The leading composer of his day, Igor Stravinsky experimented with virtually every technique of 20th-century music. Throughout his long and prolific career, he produced symphonies, concertos, choral works, operas, and ballets.

This was for a Christmas present for pianist friends - and they love it. Nice to have music printed at a good size and clearly done.

Usual Dover quality. Comparing Stravinsky's own four-hand reduction to the orchestra score is fascinating!

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