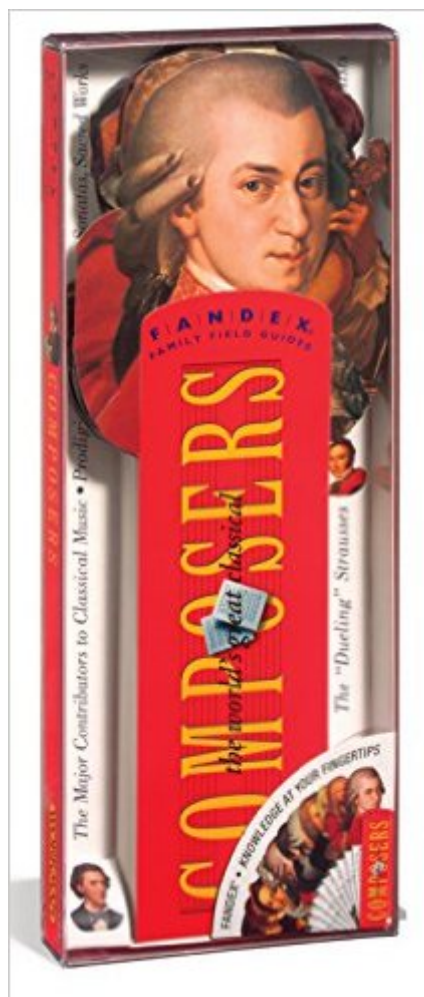


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The Composers FandexÂ•Â•Â• Family Field Guide is a great overview and introduction to great composers. Covering 47 composers, it offers a portrait and short biography of each individual. Date and place of birth, date and place of death, and the composer's most popular works today are listed and many interesting facts are given. Even after years of music lessons and a fair level of familiarity with classical music, I was surprised by what I learned through reading this guide. I was unfamiliar with a number of composers that it covered. I would recommend it to anyone wanting to get an overview of the lives and work of the world's great composers.

Finally my family is able to put a face, and a short biography, to the music they love. I used this fandex to supplement my homeschool curriculum. We were able to listen to various recordings of classical music and then look up the composer in our fandex. It worked out beautifully! It was also great listening to the classical station in the car and having our incredibly portable fandex there to answer any questions we had about the composer. As a field guide it has been both fun and educational.

Normally we love Fandex and have quite a few of them. This one, however, includes some information that I would prefer 6 and 7 yr olds NOT learn about quite yet, including the word "Brothel" in the Brahms bio. I never thought I'd have to preread the Fandex before I give it to the kids, but apparently I do!

The "fan" of composers has been very helpful in my piano teaching. Because I teach some of my students in my home and some in their homes, it's quite portable and easy to have with me. My students enjoy this "field guide".

I presented these to my piano students who are currently reading and studying about the masters of the piano. They were so pleased to receive them at the Spring Recital as were the parents. Sandra Palmer, NCTM

This is a great teaching tool to teach children about the classical composers. We have sent these to children of a friend who are very interested in the history music.

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