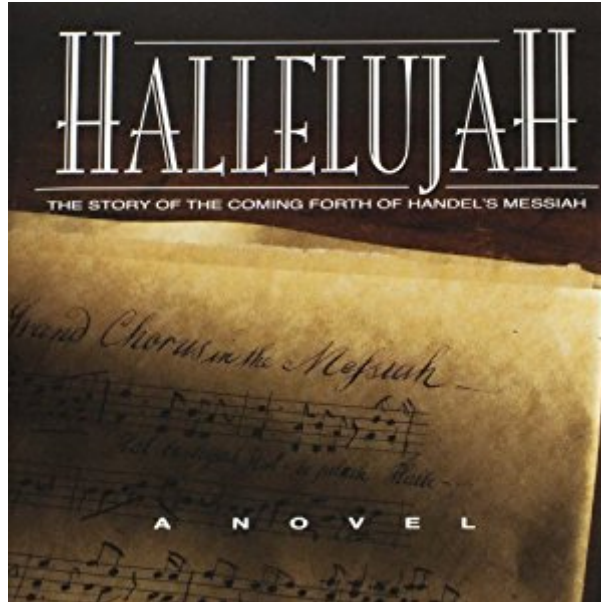


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Hallelujah - The Story Of The Coming Forth Of Handel's Messiah



Synopsis

Hallelujah, the new edition audiobook is the remarkable story of one of the greatest events in musical history, the creation of George Frederic Handel's masterpiece, "Messiah". Composed in just twenty-four days, Handel's Grand Oratorio, which rendered him immortal, was birthed in the darkest and most desperate hours of his life. His health was failing. Critics ridiculed him. Creditors hounded him. Enemies persecuted him. Pride had nearly destroyed him. Yet, out of Handel's night emerged the dawn of "Messiah". Anyone who has thrilled at hearing the Hallelujah Chorus will feel "profound attachment" to Handel's story of hope and redemption as timeless and poignant as the music itself.

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Customer Reviews

This is a beautifully written book, and I'm so glad that I read it. It is long, very long, longer than it needs to be, and it took me quite a bit of dedication to get through it. But it was worth it. I have loved The Messiah since I was a small child, and I have been fascinated with learning more about Handel and the situations under which it was written. This book does an excellent job of showing how Handel was a broken and humbled man at the point that he wrote The Messiah, and that his purposes in writing it were pure. I wondered why the author was taking up so many pages with the stories of fictional characters. I felt a little impatient with this part of the book, and wished he would focus more on the actual story of Handel. But in the end, the story lines involving the fictional characters were wrapped up beautifully with the story of The Messiah. Because I am a purist when it comes to history, I would have preferred that the author had stuck more closely to factual timelines

and characters. But I can't deny the power of the fictional characters and story lines in explaining the good that the charitable performances of The Messiah accomplished. There is an overabundance of detail in the writing, which although beautifully written, makes the book a little arduous to get through. But it is truly well worth it.

This book moved me to tears on several occasions. While I felt it was a bit lengthy, and the fictional characters a little too good to be true, on the whole I felt edified, uplifted, and enriched. I have studied Handel's music in college, but never knew much about his actual life. It was wonderful getting a glimpse, with liberties, of his life.

I bought this book because I love historical fiction. This book gives you a good feel for some of the dilemmas and difficulties that composers faced in Mozart's day--especially with the fickleness of pleasing the ruling classes. I also loved the characterization of the Packrat, a street urchin. The only thing I have disliked is that I do feel somewhat emotionally manipulated (this is the word I use to describe conditions that are heartwrenching but didn't have to be part of the story--like they were placed there just to bring about the tears). I am enjoying the book.

I loved this book! I took my time reading it and I will read it many more times! There are so many "gems" in the book. Much history. Much knowledge about George Fredrick Handel, the man, as well as the composer. It is on my list of my personal "Top 5 favorite books".

I found this inspiring and enlightening. The author did a memorable job of coalescing a compelling storyline with fact, and to add a depth of character and perspective to who Handel was, and the events of his time. Recommend it.

worth the read. despite being a little slow & a bit heavy handed at times, it brought handel & his time to life for me. especially enjoyed the emotive subplots that wove it all together. uplifting & hopeful

This is a powerfully moving book that is hard to put down. The characters are developed so thoughtfully and intricately that you come to understand them. It is wonderfully descriptive. I appreciate the many details that give you an understanding of what it would be like to live in that era. I am looking forward to more books from this author.

Tho it was historical it kept my attention. I found it hard to put down. I would like to see another book by this author. I loved the details.

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