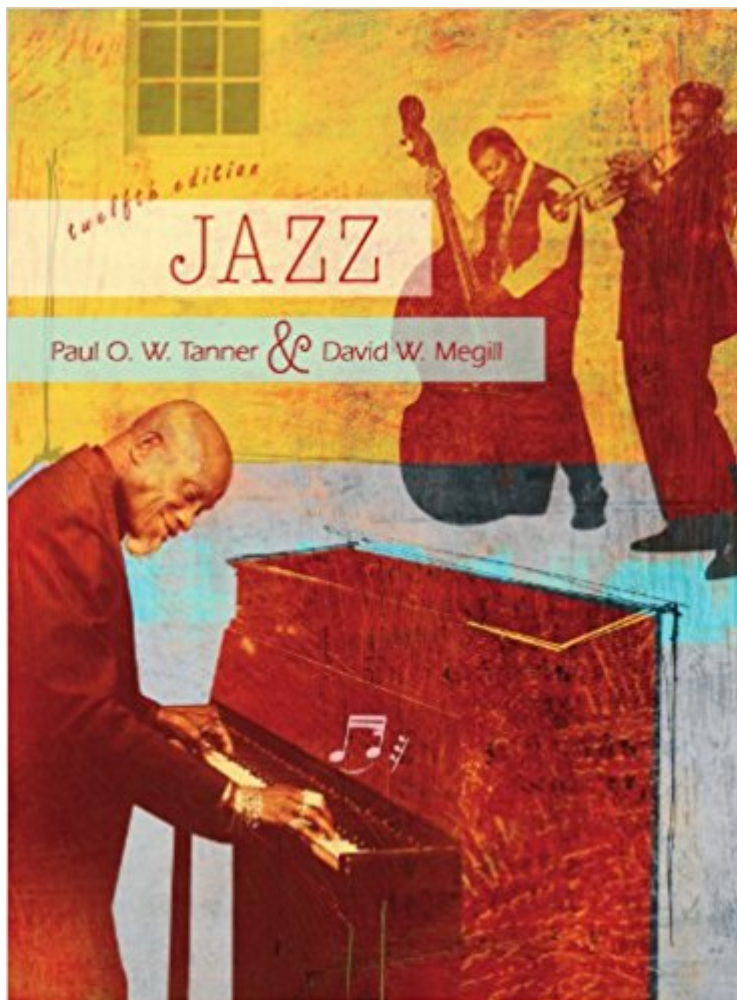


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I needed this book for an upper division Jazz History class. I am a jazz musician and thankfully have taken a similar class previously, so much of the information is review for me, but I feel that if this book is being used by non-music students, they will often be confused by the readings. The authors often allude to vocabulary (song styles, eras, terminology of instruments) which is not well-defined in the text and hasn't been presented previously in the readings; so if they are unfamiliar with music or jazz already, they may not understand the topic of focus completely because they require previous knowledge of context which simply hasn't been adequately provided. I also feel that because this is meant to be an academic tome, the writing style and organization is too lax. Switching back and forth with stories from a current timeline, colloquially writing about historical facts and character stories, and conversational bits like "he may not have been *that* important, but..." detract from the author's authority on the history of jazz. It is my belief that historical anthologies (especially academic ones) should lend as much research-based, well-worded, and authoritative information as possible, and while I understand that jazz and music in general are very subjective topics, with a lot of anecdotal occurrences contributing their creation, this book ends up sounding like something your very knowledgeable and respected musician grandfather tells you through afternoon conversations. You know that most of what he is telling you is probably true, and it's certainly

interesting, but you're just not completely convinced of the validity of /everything/ you've been told. And that's a bit of a deal-breaker for me, if this is being used to inform musicians and non-musicians about the beautiful idiom of jazz.

Great album

everything was good with the book I returned the book 5 months ago, but didn't registered this return. So be careful double check this when you return a book, otherwise they will charge you as a purchase. Be aware!

It was a good value for a rental but no longer needed as the book was online after I purchased the book at the start of the semester

The book has been a good resource for learning the history and styles of jazz. Simple enough to read, nice tidbits. Only drawback is that I've been unable to access the "Online Learning Center" referred to in the book, and the CD set it refers to does not come with the book, and is very expensive to buy separately.

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