

History & General Western Classical Tradition

- **A History of Western Music** by Burkholder, Grout & Palisca
- **The Story of Music** by Howard Goodall – A highly accessible, broad overview of musical evolution from antiquity to the modern day. Available as a book and a youtube documentary.
- **Music in the Classic Period** by Reinhard G. – Essential background reading for Classical set works.
- **Music: A Very Short Introduction** by Nicholas Cook (2000)
- **Big Bangs** by Howard Goodall (2001)
- **The Symphony from Mannheim to Mahler** *Tarrant, Christopher & Wild, Natalie (2022)*
- **The Cambridge Companion to the Symphony** by Julian Horton (Cambridge published 2013)
- **The Symphony: A Listener's Guide**; Michael Steinberg

Music and Society

- **Music in Everyday Life** by DeNora (2009)

Twentieth Century Music

- **The Rest is Noise: Listening to the Twentieth Century** by Alex Ross – An exceptional guide to modern and 20th-century music.
- **Modern Music and After** by Paul Griffiths

Theory, Composition & Analysis

- **How Music Works** by David Byrne – Offers engaging insights into the mechanics of music, from acoustics to cultural context
- **A Level Music Harmony Workbook 1 and 2** by Hugh Benham

Popular Music

- **Popular Music** by Colin Cripps

Musical Theatre

- **Musical Theatre: A History** (John Kenrick) Bloomsbury Academic published 2010)

Podcasts

- Key Changes: Radio 3's Essential History of Classical Music
- Music Matters, BBC Radio 3
- Record Review Podcast, BBC Radio 3
- Add to Playlist – BBC Sounds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m00106lb>

- The Listening Service – BBC Sounds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b078n25h>

- Composer of The Week – BBC Sounds

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/b006tnxf>