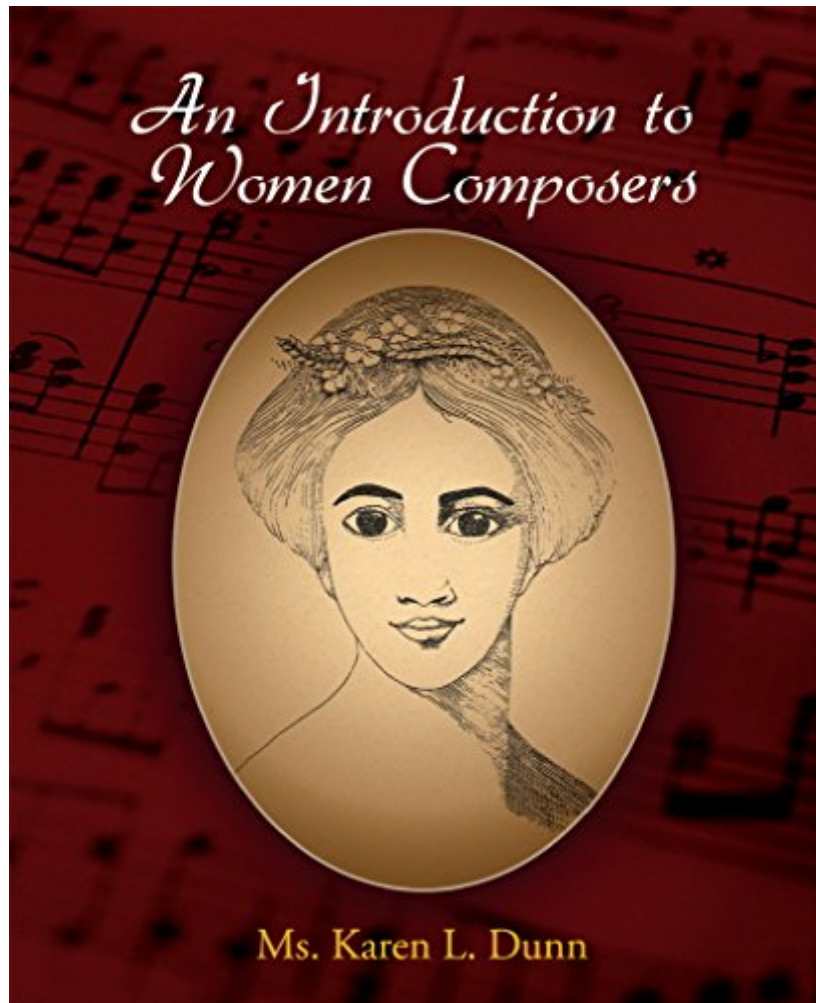




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# An Introduction To Women Composers



## Synopsis

Music is constantly evolving, changing styles over the years as new composers and influences arise. Looking back, we can trace out six distinct musical eras—and many notable women, although largely overshadowed by more famous men, have made important contributions to the art of composition throughout the centuries. *An Introduction to Women Composers* is a historical resource that highlights seven key female figures whose work has had widespread influence across the following musical studies:

- Religious music in medieval times
- Artistic freedom during the Renaissance
- Elaborate operas of the baroque period
- Structured melodies during the classical movement
- Expressive chamber music in the romantic era
- Unique modern music in the most recent century

Each segment provides an overview of an era's musical history and includes a review of influences, a composer biography with an original black-and-white portrait, listening guidelines, and a musical map for one composition. Women composers were for many years discouraged from publishing, but many insisted on creating regardless—and their work offers great insight into how music has changed over time. Start investigating the long and fascinating history of Western music and women's contributions—connecting everything from ancient religious chants to the billboard hits we hear today.

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An enjoyable, educational look at women composers from six periods of history. Not only did I not realize there even were women composers, because I never recall learning about them studying for my degree in music, I was fascinated by their stories, as well as their compositions. Being able to listen to their actual works via YouTube enriched the learning experience. One example: It was fascinating to learn of classical composer, Maria Theresia Von Paradis' ability to compose in spite of her blindness, such lovely music as "Sicilienne." The authors did a thorough job of offering musical history and learning aid resources. Can't wait to color the portraits and listening maps!

Love, love, love this book! It's so beautifully laid out, the concepts and the wealth of information on the time periods, the music and the composers; the drawings with invitation to color them; links to the music. All fabulous in design and content and a wonderful riveting read. It should be in every classroom, library and music store!

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