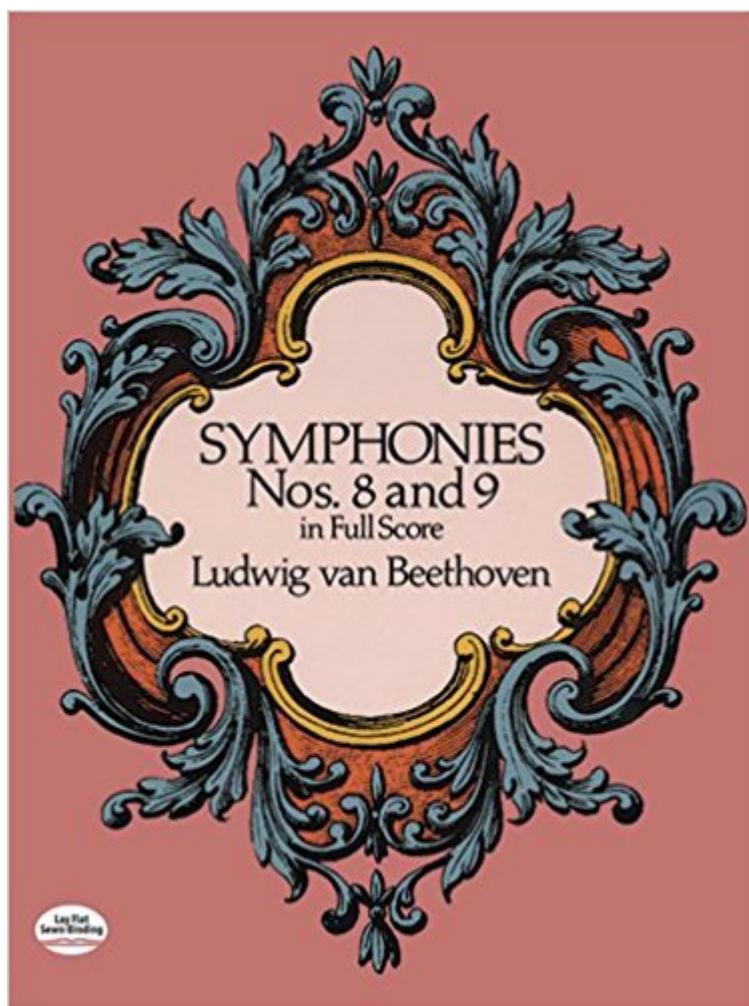


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These Dover score editions are best known for their low prices. For the Beethoven symphonies, these are pretty much just reproductions of the 1865 Litolff edition, which contains numerous mistakes that were corrected in later, better editions. The 9x12 format is good for the full score format, making it easy to view all the orchestral parts at the same time. The note heads are big enough to be clearly legible. Knowing the deficiency of the source edition, my major complaint is there are no measure numbers so it's a big inconvenience for anyone wishing to study specific points in the score. BTW, all these are available for free download as PDF on [...]. But for me, having these in a book format beats having to print out page after page of PDF which gets messy.

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Dover company sought to create a literal music text by directly printing the original score from the 19th Century.

It's really convenient that symphony #8-9 are together. I love the lay-flat binding... BUT!!!! There aren't ANY measure numbers. Who does that? I knocked off one star because I have spent a couple hours now numbering all my measures. Huge waster of time! Otherwise, the print is easy to read.

I have grown increasingly fond of using tablets for musical scores, but this item is simply unusable in that way. The pages are scanned at low resolution, so the notes are fuzzy even if you zoom in on the page. You have to stare at the screen very hard to identify each note, and after an hour of trying I simply gave up. The print version is fine, but I made the mistake of buying the kindle version, and it now has the distinction of being the first kindle item for which I will be requesting a refund.

The usual Dover score. Readable, no rehearsal letters or measure numbers, Price is good. Nothing more to say, but requires more words, hence this final sentence.

Ludwig knew all the notes. Many of them are in this score....

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