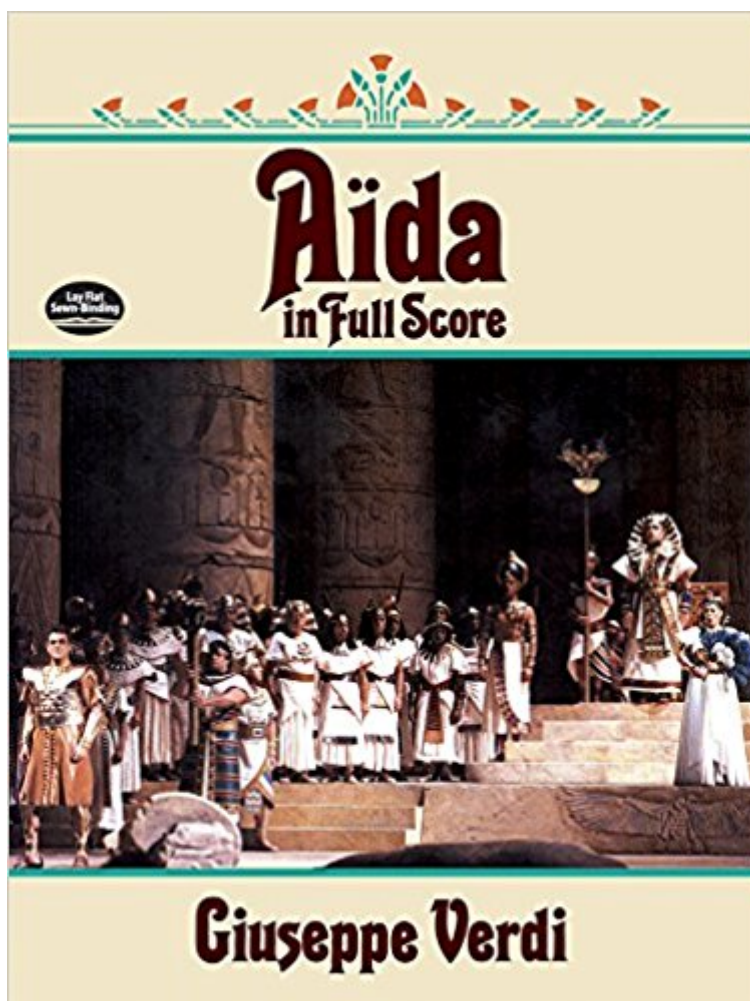


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Synopsis

Aïda is one of Verdi's greatest gifts to grand opera. It magnificently combines high drama, stage spectacle, and a musical score that is one of the glories of operatic writing. A great success from its first performance over a century ago, it continues to dominate the repertory of opera houses around the world, among them the Metropolitan Opera in New York, which has staged *Aïda* more than any other opera in its long history. In 1869, Verdi, at the peak of his career, initially declined offers from Egypt to create an opera for the new Cairo opera house, built to mark the opening of the Suez Canal. Then, in 1870, opera officials sent Verdi a short synopsis of a tragic love story that unfolds amid the pomp and pageantry of ancient Egypt. Verdi pronounced it "well-made" and "splendid from a scenic point of view." And when a handsome commission arrived from the Khedive as well, he set to work with his librettists on what would become his most famous opera. After many revisions, *Aïda* premiered in Cairo on Christmas Eve in 1871 and was an instantaneous success. Subsequent performances in Milan, Parma, Naples, and Paris confirmed its enormous popular appeal, which has never flagged. Verdi endowed *Aïda* with arias, vocal ensembles, and orchestral scoring of thrilling power. Some of its passages, among them the celebrated third-act "Nile scene," are ranked by critics as among the finest in opera. This authoritative full-score edition will afford music lovers the opportunity to study intimately this grand opera that so richly displays Verdi's genius at its most inspired.

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You want orchestral color and an exotic setting for your grand opera? Nothing says it better than *Aida*, which is, in the grand operatic manner, a tragic tale of love and war with a nifty death scene at the end. Few moments in opera can touch the Triumphal Scene for sheer bombast, but sometimes bombast is a lot of fun. Verdi's use of brass here is instructive; with the full score, you can see exactly what is called for. Full scores are always more fun for armchair conducting, but they're not as useful for working singers who just need the vocal lines and piano accompaniment. Dover Scores, being reprints of out-of-copyright editions from other publishers, sometimes contain errors that have been corrected in more recent versions, but they're still the biggest bargain going in printed music.

An Italian composer of the Romantic era, Giuseppe Verdi (1813–1901) wrote operas that remain standards of the repertoire more than a century after his death. His most popular works include *Rigoletto*, *La Traviata*, and *Aida*.

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Excelente partitura, con una muy buena impresión y encuadernación. Altamente recomendable para todos aquellos que deseen estudiar o preparar esta magna obra de Verdi

This appears to be from a very early printed edition and contains mistakes, some of them serious, including missing bassoon staves from a couple of pages. The similar score from Ricordi corrects this.

Perhaps it was my error, but I thought that this would be the vocal score for *Aida*. I didn't know that "Full Score" would be a conductor's copy. I really can't use it, but did not return it because I thought there was a no refund policy since the product was delivered "as ordered." You should say in your description that that this is a conductor's copy with full instrumentation and NOT a vocal piece.

Thank you.

I've owned this score for years and have utilized it to the extreme. Besides its more than adequate service as a musical reference, it has withstood the test of brutal wear a musician can put on a score. The table of contents is more than efficient, the notation is--for the most part--intelligently produced on the page, and the pages are durable without being too thick. As for the "mistakes" to which the previous reviewer is referring, I must say I've noticed none of these mistakes. Though, keeping that in mind I'd have to listen to it again--but I believe the previous reviewer is mistaken in his claim.

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