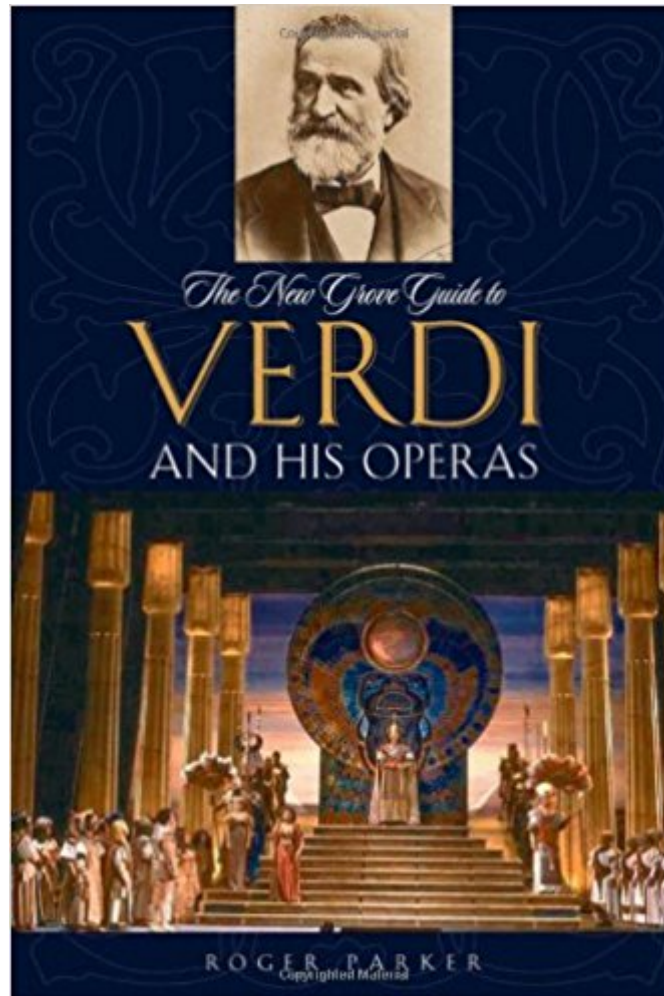




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Customer Reviews

Roger Parker is Professor of Music at Cambridge. He is co-editor of The Donizetti Critical Edition and writes widely on Italian opera. His latest book is *Remaking the Song*, which appeared recently from University of California Press.

As might be expected from the Grove, this is quite a straightforward guide to the operas, with summaries of the plots, Verdi's life, and so on. There are short critical sections (particularly in the Introduction). I would have preferred more interpretation. It lacks a certain Verdian pizzazz. For that, perhaps Wills' new Verdi's Shakespeare is the ticket for three of the operas. But this is a good guide (especially for those early operas you will never get to see!!)

excellent

Excellent guide for Verdi's lovers. It doesn't matter if you are an expert or not. I found it excellent and I highly recommend it.

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