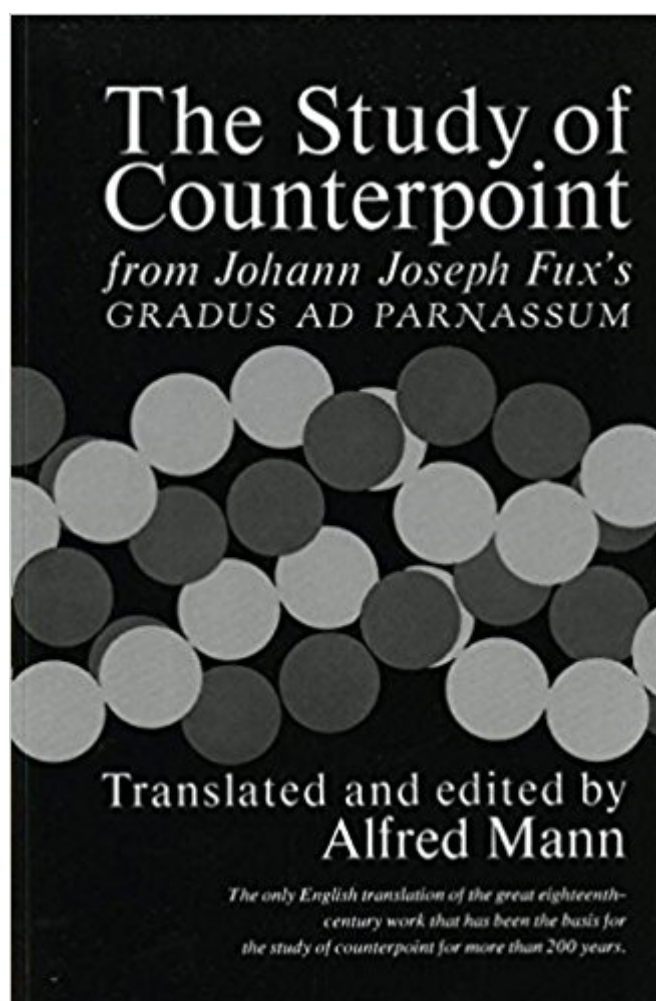


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The Study Of Counterpoint: From Johann Joseph Fux's Gradus Ad Parnassum



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Alfred Mann was a musicologist, former conductor of the Cantata Singers, editor of a new full score of Handel's Messiah, and a contributor to The Musical Quarterly and other scholarly periodicals.

This book is well worth whatever you pay for it. There's that grasshopper, sensei thing going on, but the information is simple, but takes along time to master.

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Even with a good understanding of Music Theory, be prepared to read this a couple times to catch it all - and, perhaps, have the music samples sited in the book handy to listen to as your reading - especially the second time around. :)

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This book is amazing, a must have for any music library.

My hobby is playing the piano and to study music theory and concepts. The in mine first book regarding the study counterpoint. I did not read the whole book yet but what I have read so far its delightfull.

Good material.

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