



Required Reading for Piano Technicians

Theory vs Experience

- ▶ The Purpose of Reading:
 - ▶ Improve Skills
 - ▶ Learn more ways to tune and service
 - ▶ Bridge the gap between aural and ETD
 - ▶ Enhance your hands on knowledge with theoretical
 - ▶ If you are just starting out, where do you begin?

Professors, Mentors, & Studies



In college you have professors and books

As an intern you have mentor, while you study and learn hands on

As a profession all you have are your studies.



General Knowledge Books



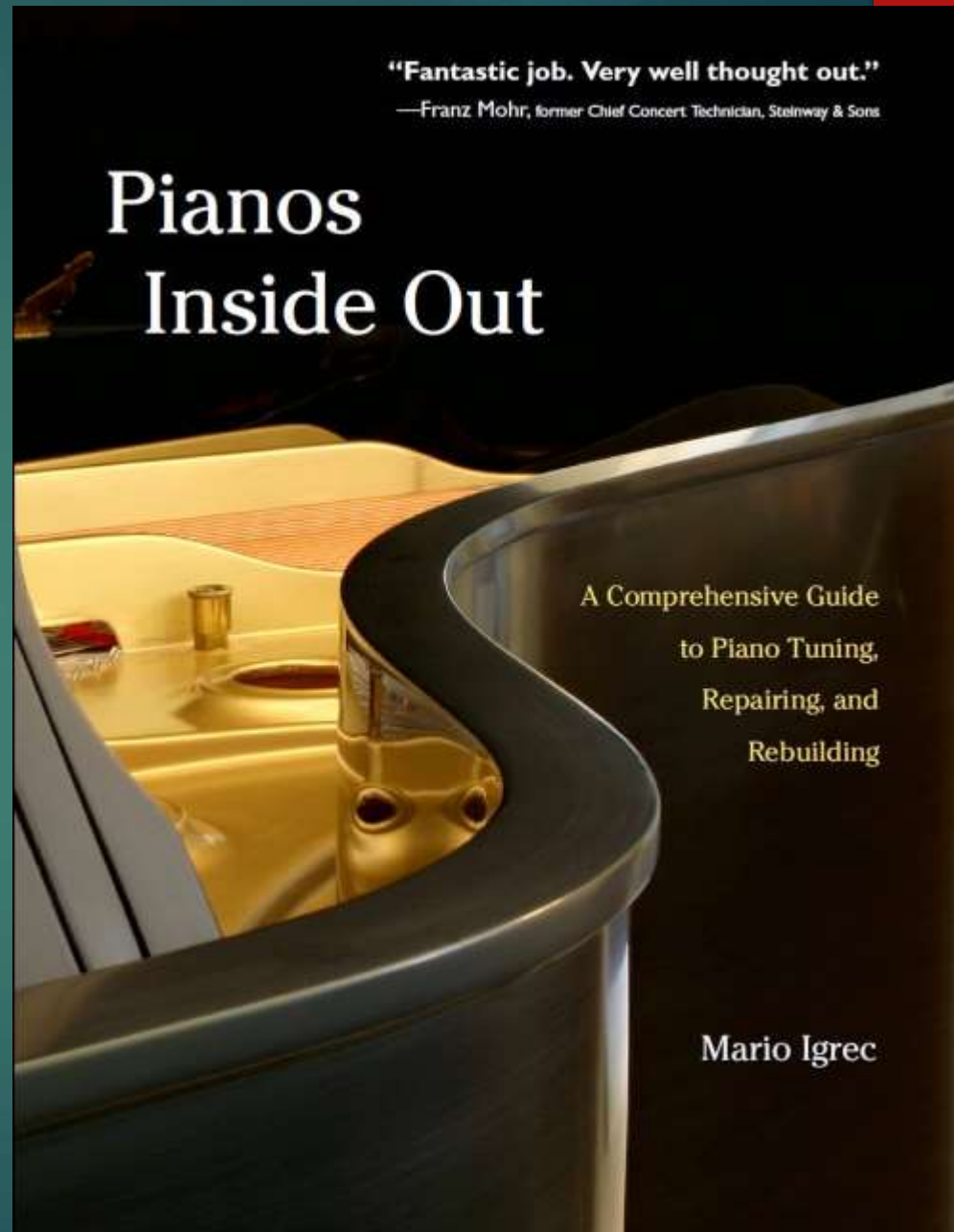
General Knowledge
vs
Specialized Area

Pianos Inside Out

by Mario Igréc

Every Piano technician should have this book

The most MODERN Book in the Piano tech industry.

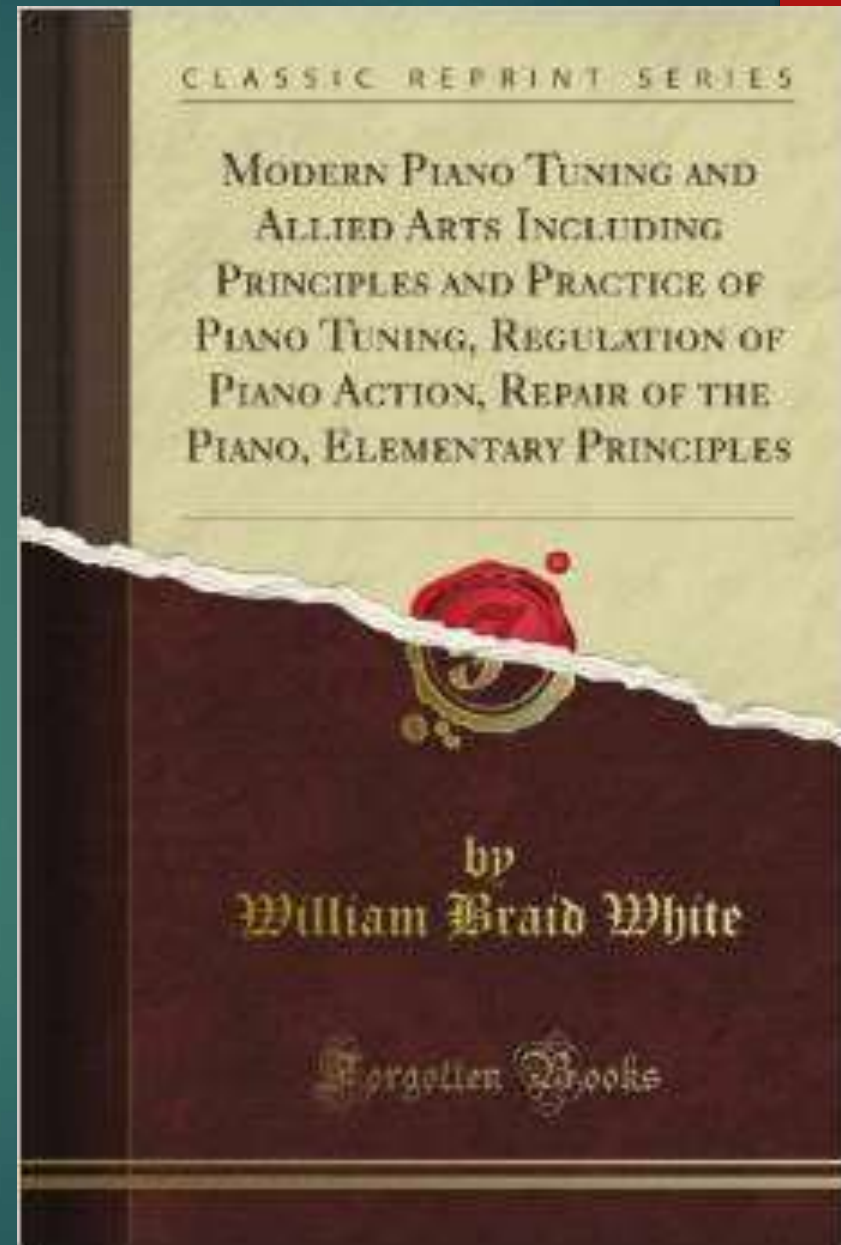


Piano Tuning and the Allied Arts

by William Brain White

The first American, verbose, piano technology book

Its amazing how methods and principles have Remained similar or unchanged since 1917.

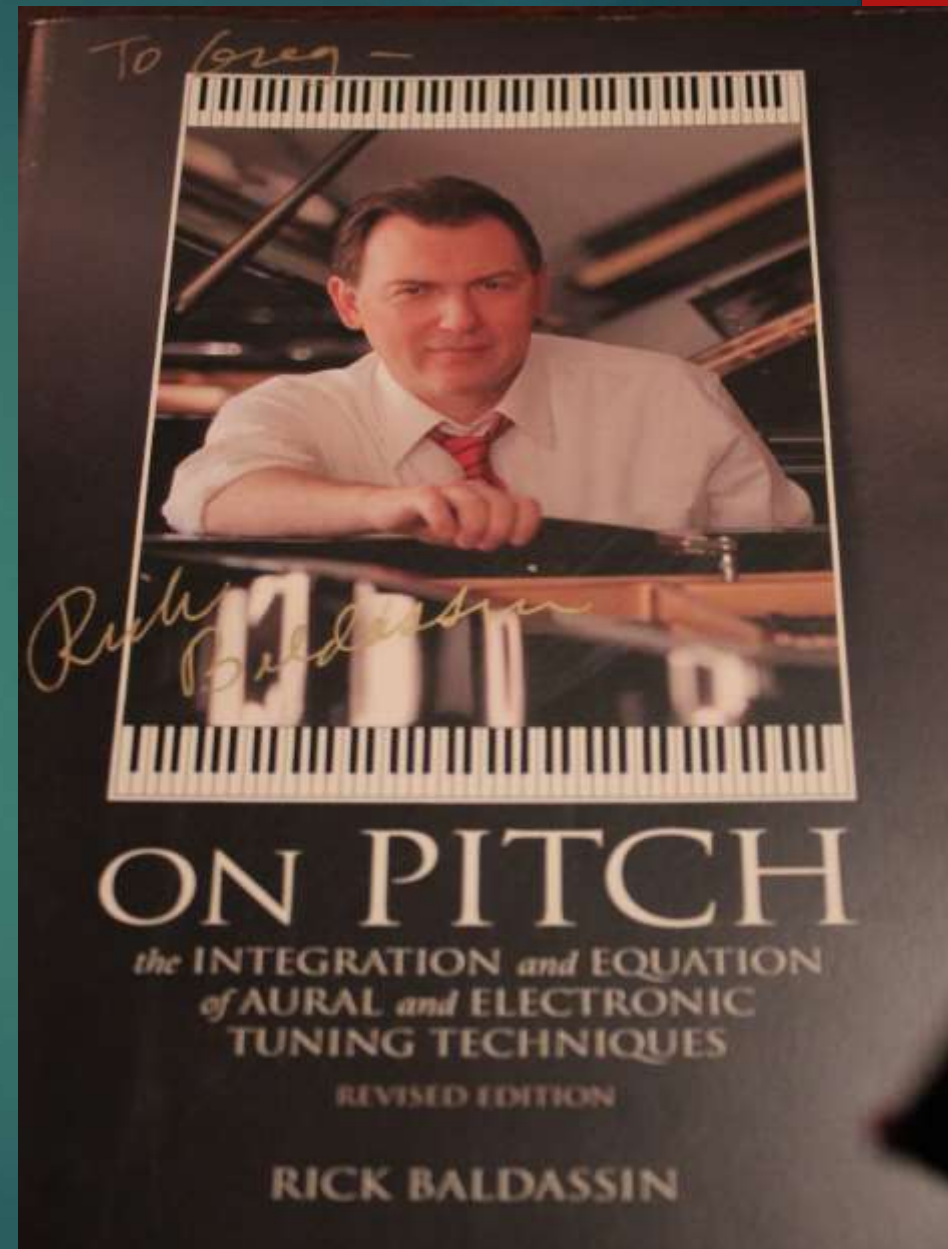


Tuning Books

On Pitch

by Rick Baldassin

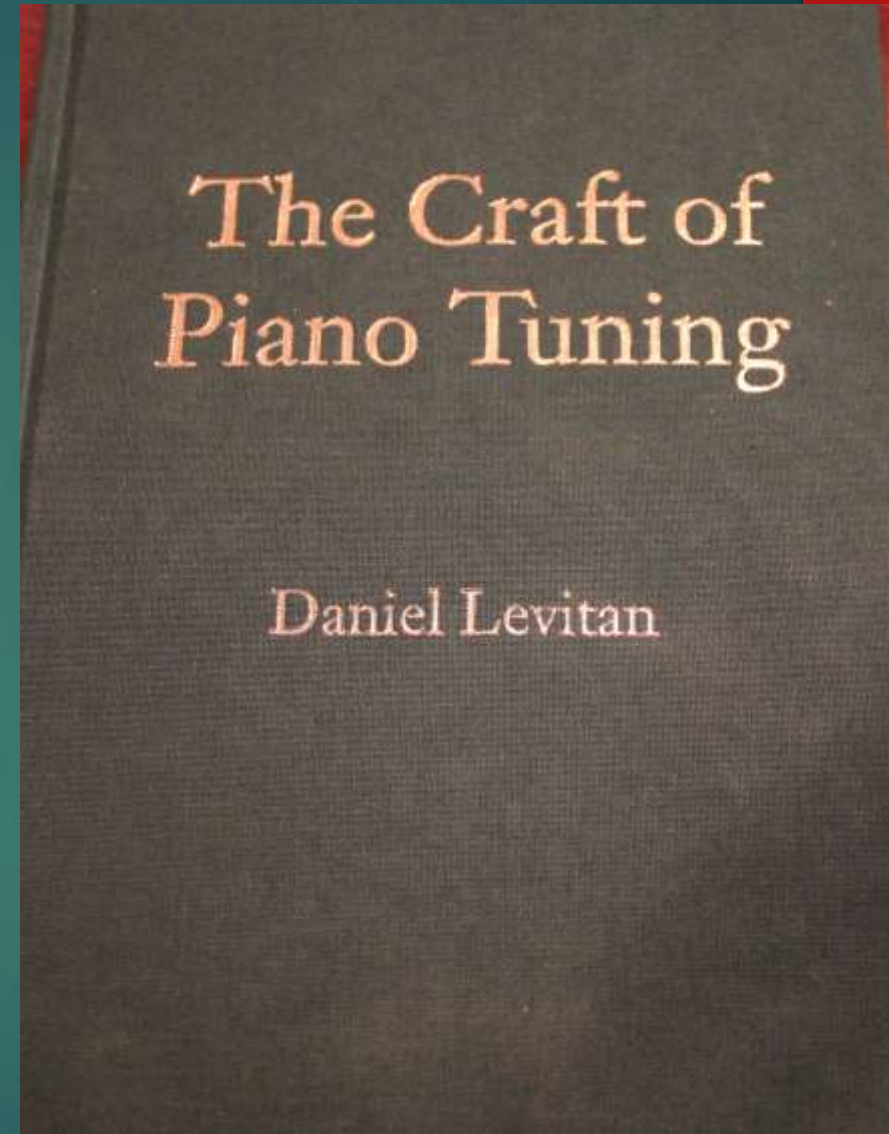
- ▶ The ultimate in home tutor for tuning.
- ▶ Explains how to use your ETD to hear
- ▶ Multiple experiments in this book guide you through your intervals and tell you exactly what to listen for.



The Craft of Piano Tuning

by Daniel Levitan

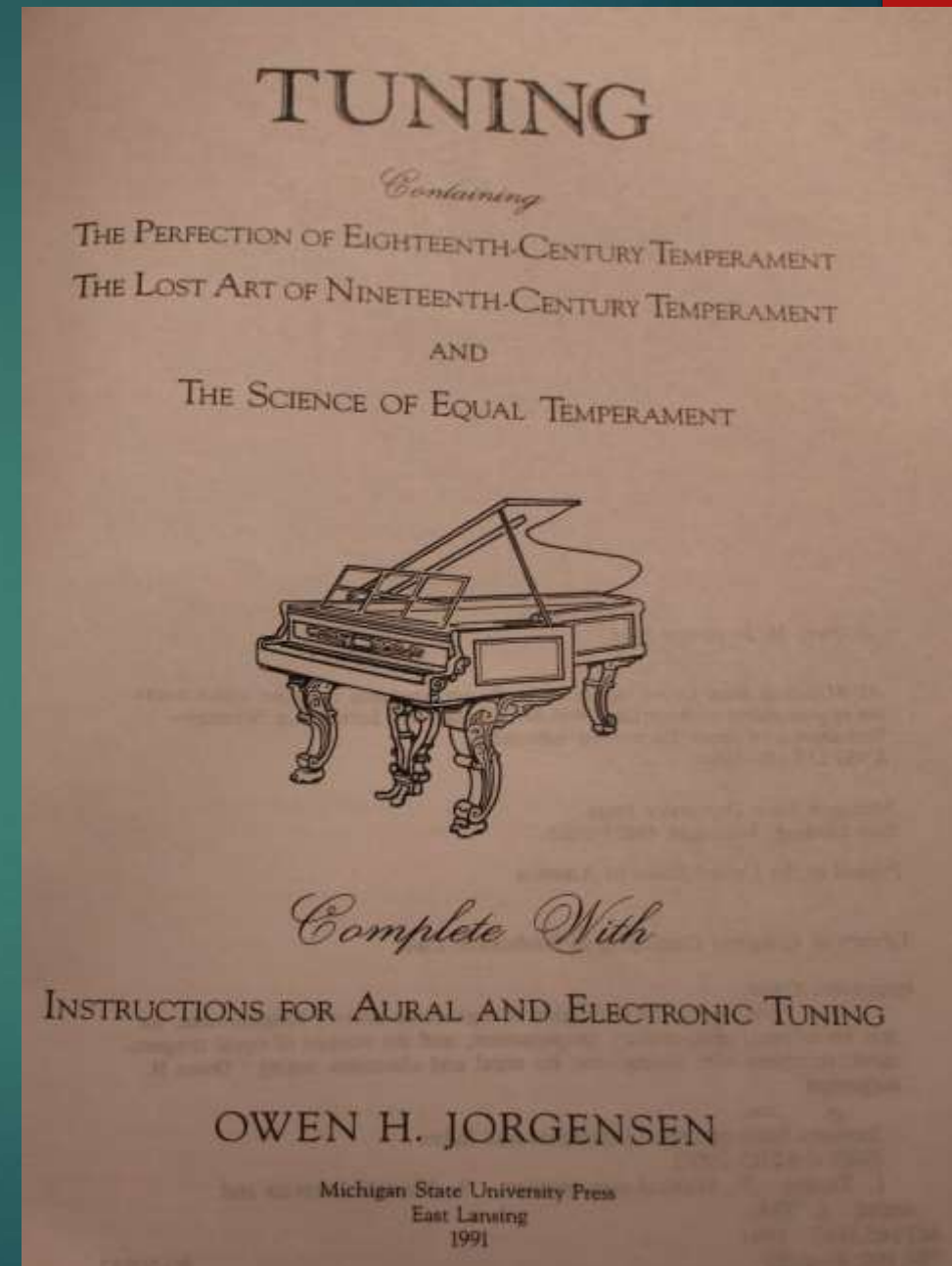
- ▶ In-depth Comprehensive Tuning book
- ▶ Focus on
 - ▶ Temperament
 - ▶ Octaves
 - ▶ Unison
 - ▶ Checks
 - ▶ Technique



Tuning

by Owen J Jorgensen

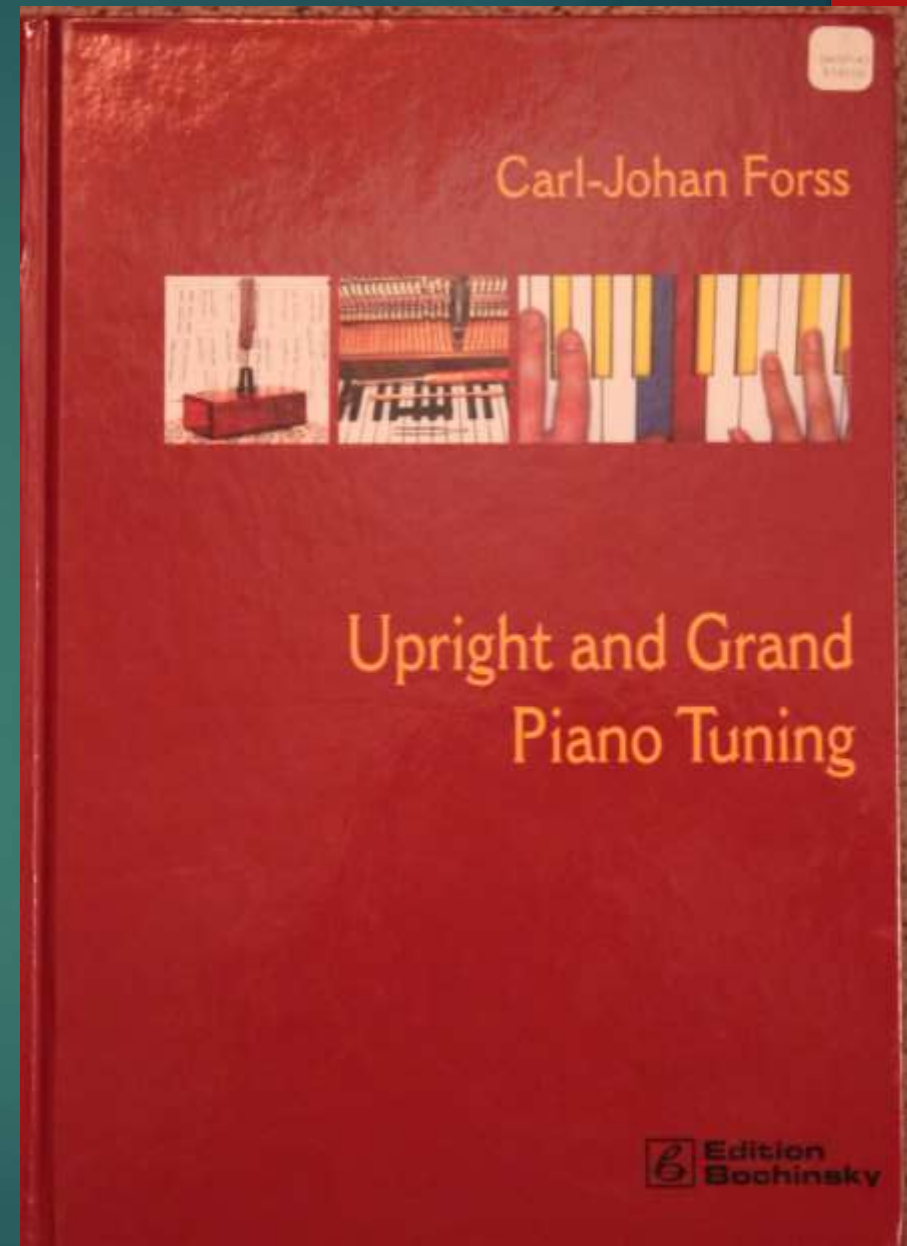
- In-depth book of the history of tuning
- “Tune through history to learn how to Tune”
- Massive catalog of checks for ever interval type
- Instructions on how to use the book, in the book




Upright and Grand Piano Tuning

Carl-Johan Forss

- The Tuning edition of the German collegiate series of Piano tech books
- In-depth book on different methods of Tuning
- General knowledge on choosing an instrument, hybrid piano, climate control, etc.
- Includes experiments to demonstrate different aspects of piano tuning, strings stretching etc.
- Includes exercises at the end of each chapter.

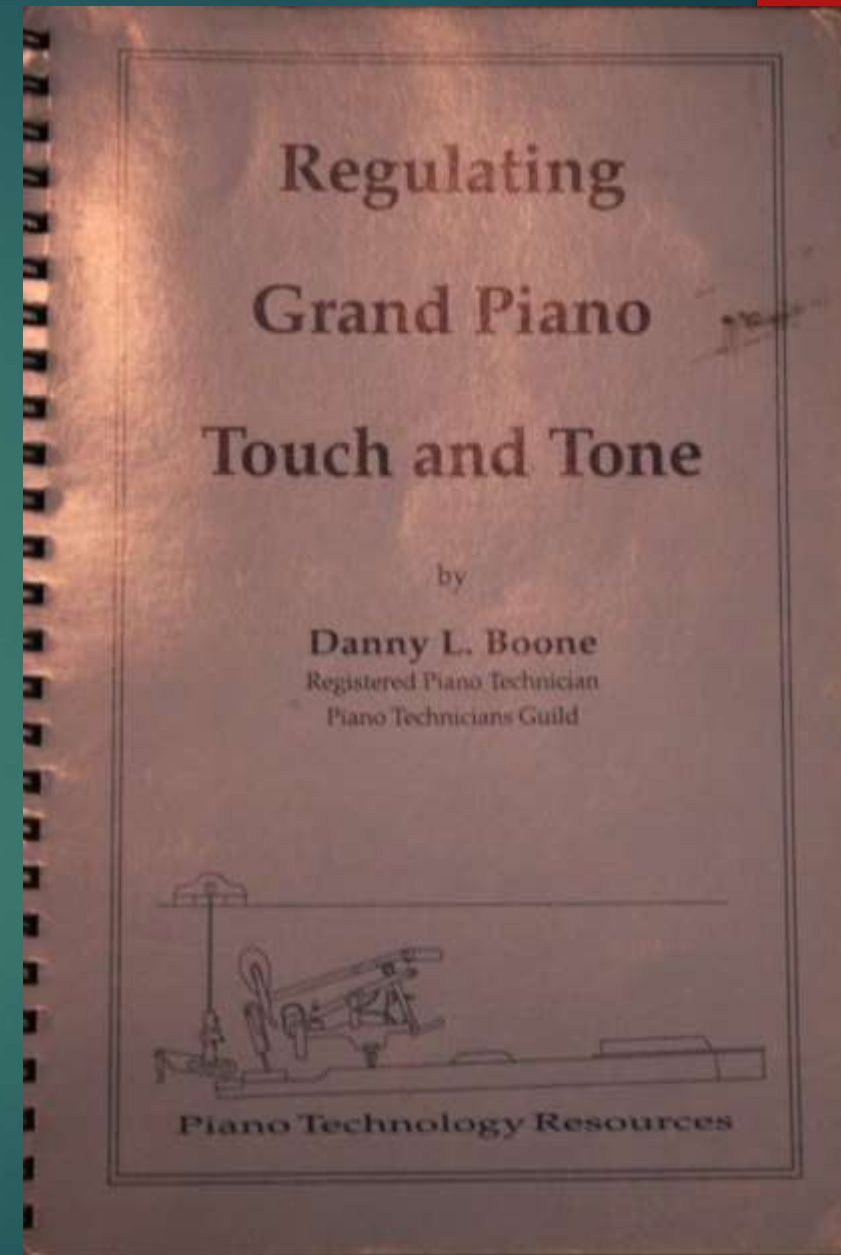




Regulation Books

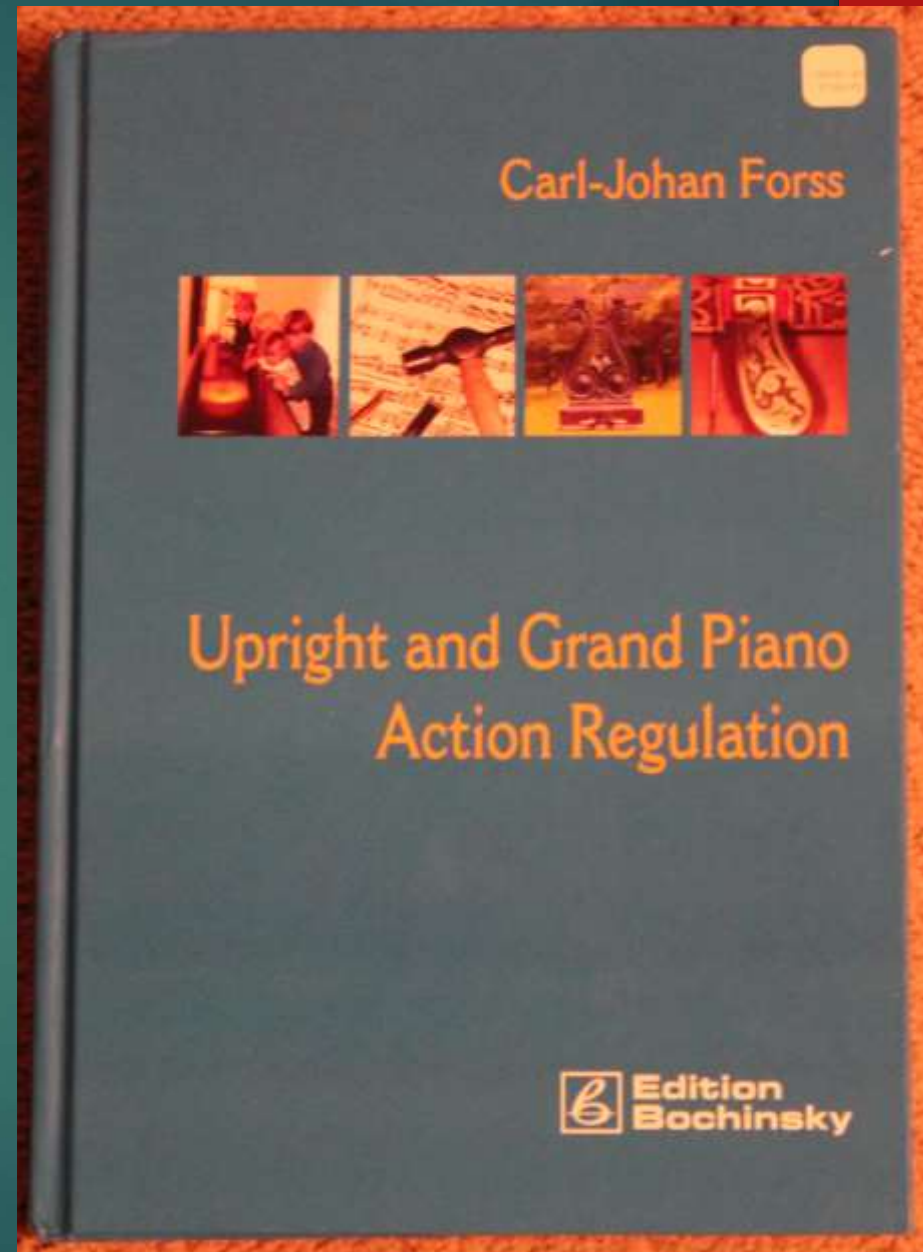
Regulating Grand Piano Touch and Tone

- The most in-depth, thorough, practical grand piano regulation book ever written.
- Provides exercises at the end of each chapter
- Sections on tools and equipment and how to make some tools
- Provide reproducible check lists for on the road use



Upright and Grand Piano Action Regulation

by Carl-Johan Forss

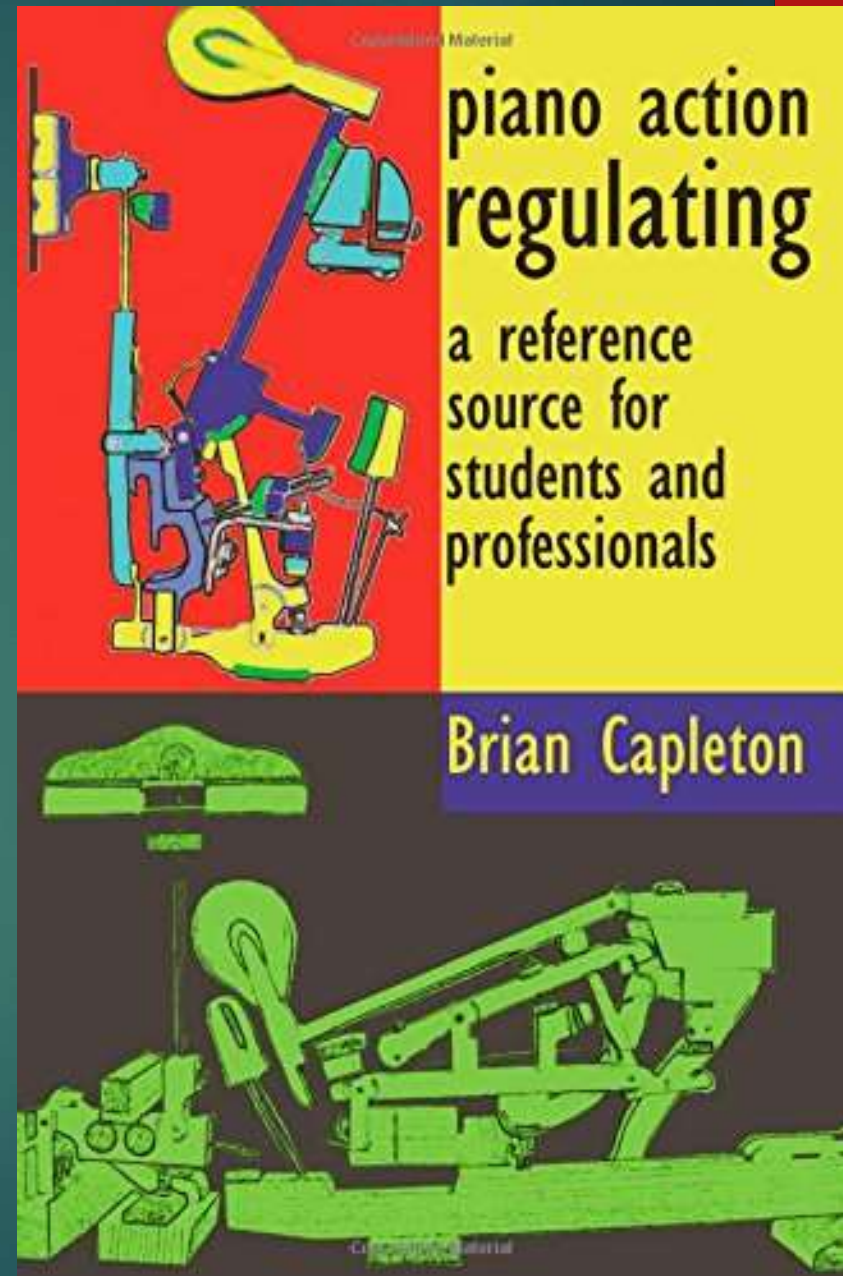


Piano action Regulating *by Brian Capleton*

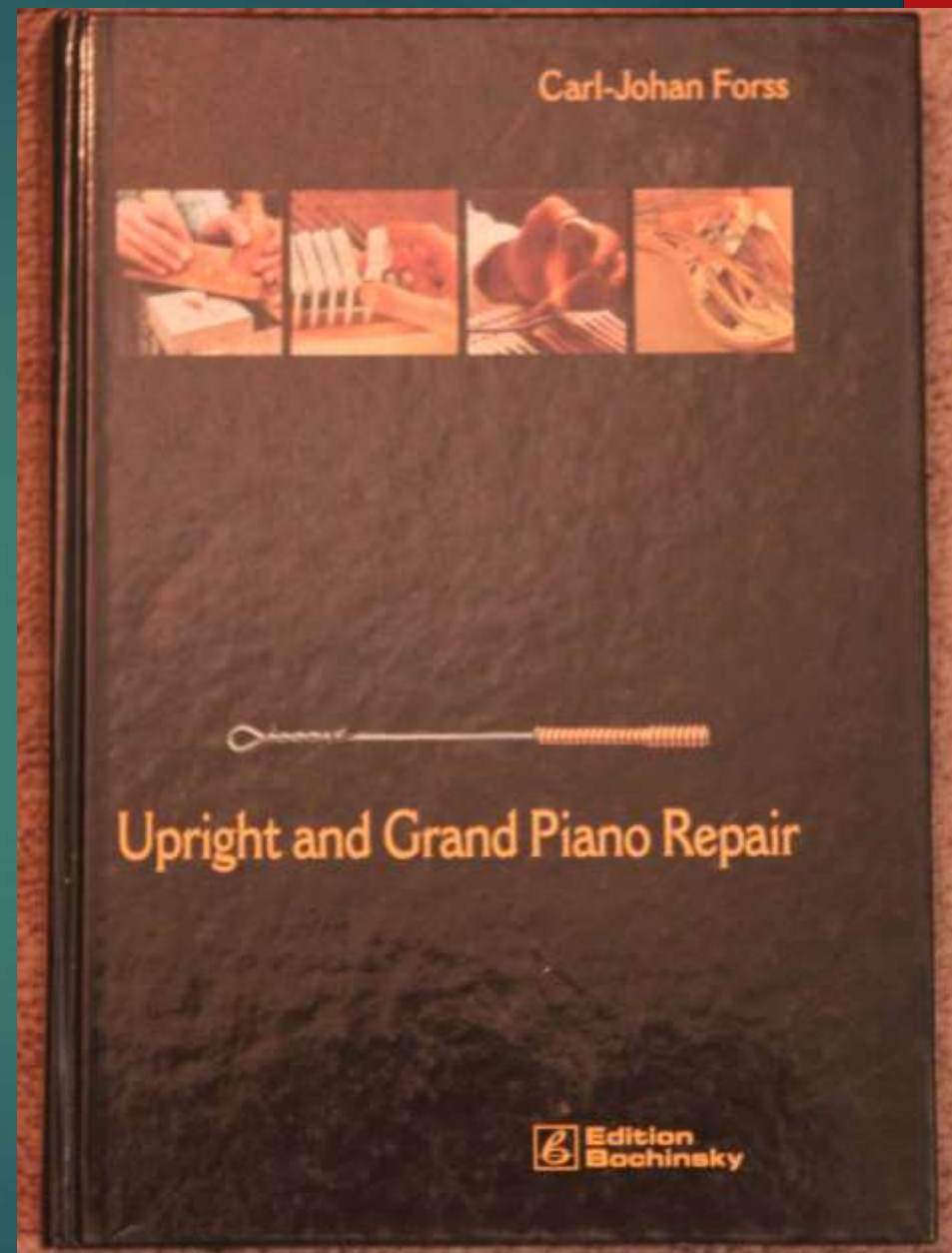
Covers a variety of piano actions we don't see in the US

Breaks steps and specs down into principles

Be warned- Sometimes English can be a different language.

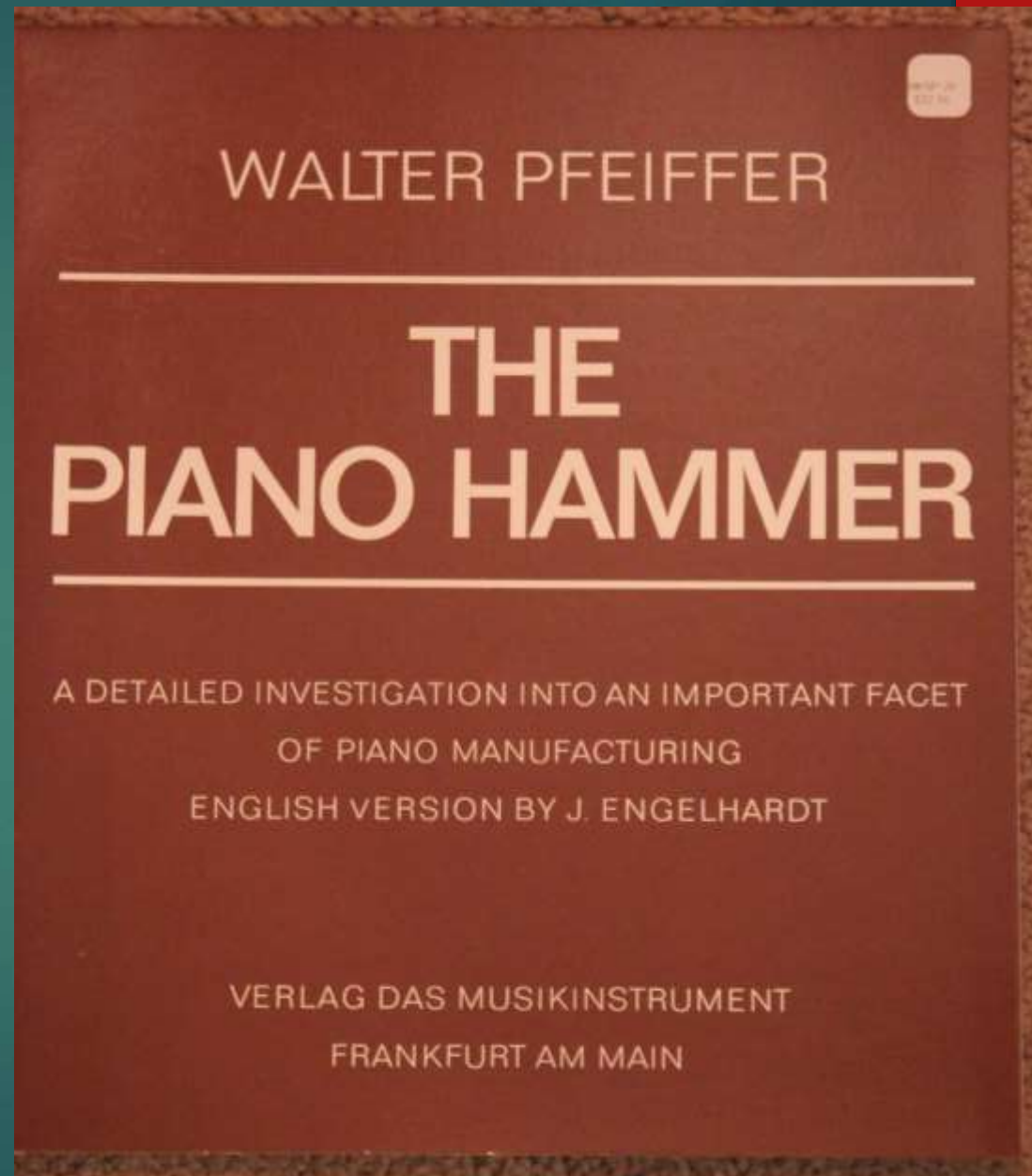


Repair Books



Piano Construction

The Piano
Hammer
&
The Piano Key
and Wippen

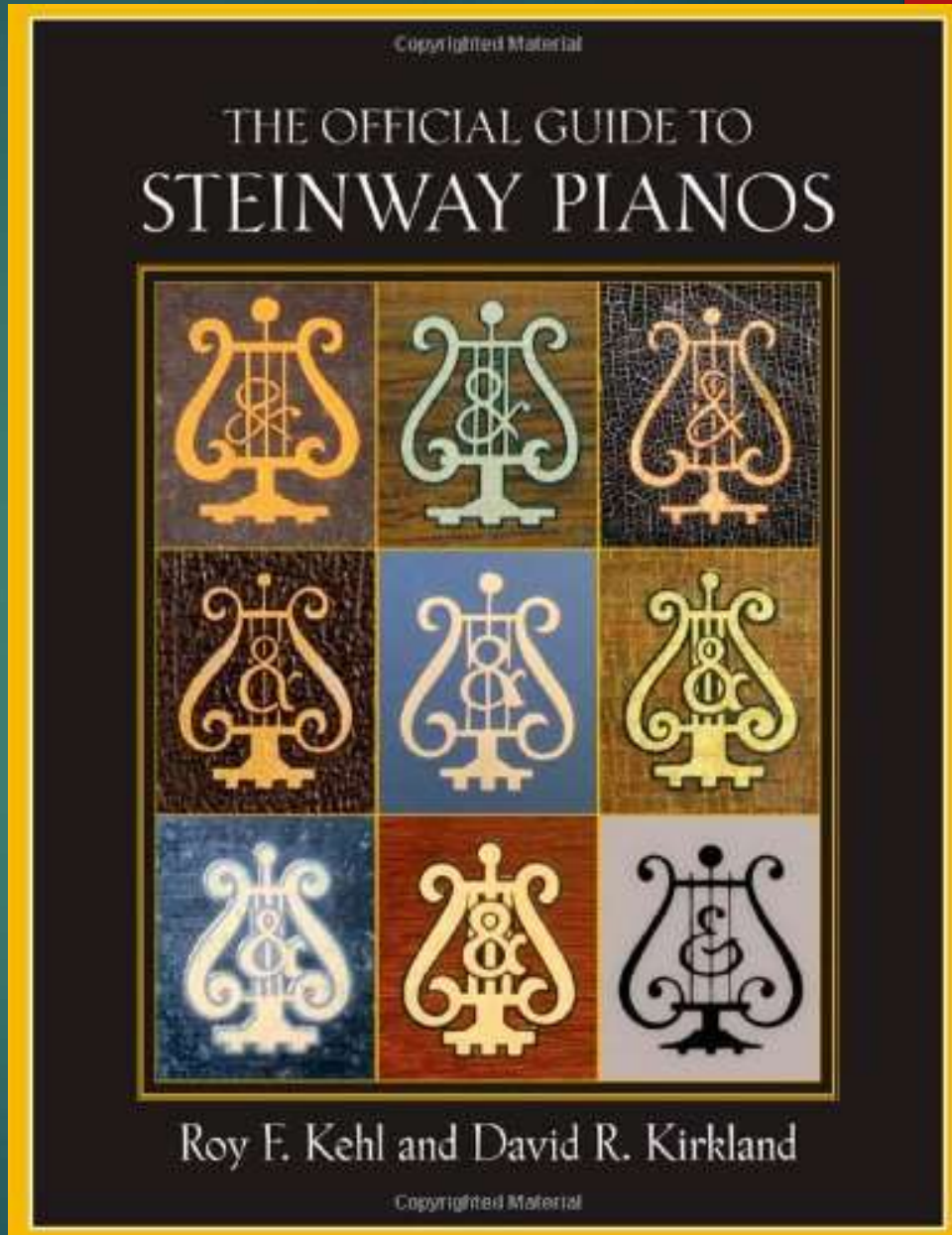


Reference

- ▶ Peirce Piano Atlas
- ▶ The Piano Action Handbook
- ▶ Manufacturer Resources Books:
 - ▶ Steinway and Sons
 - ▶ Yamaha
 - ▶ Kawai
 - ▶ QRS
 - ▶ PianoDisc
 - ▶ Etc

The Official Guide to Steinway Pianos

The all you need to know book on Steinway



Tuning Exam Resource Book

**THE TUNING
EXAMINATION**

A SOURCE BOOK



Tech Exam Resource Book

THE TECHNICAL
EXAMINATION

A SOURCE BOOK



PIANO
TECHNICIANS
GUILD

Music Theory and History

- ▶ Why focus on Theory and History?
- ▶ Added benefit of understanding music like a musician
- ▶ A deeper understanding of our field

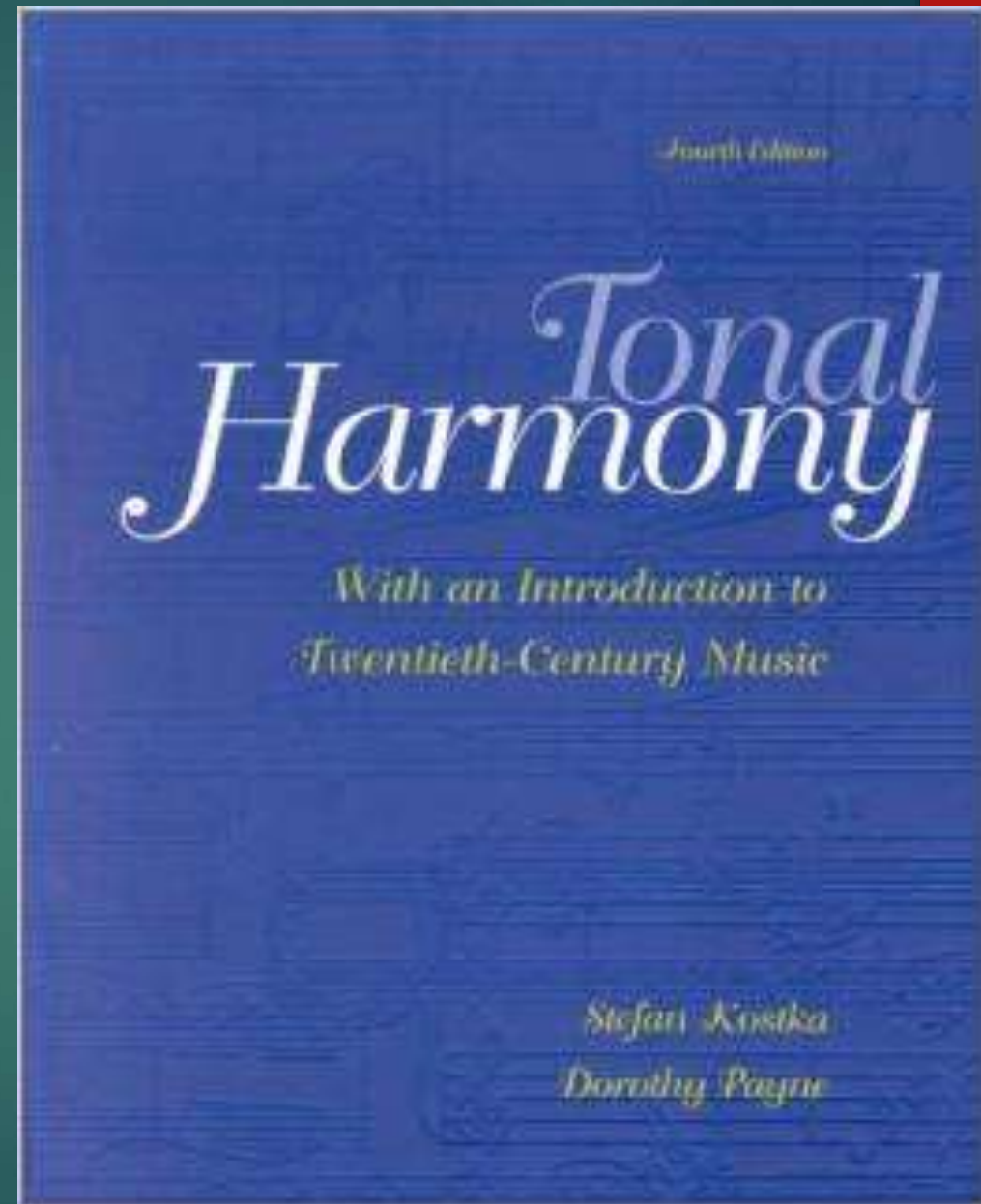
Tonal Harmony

Kostka & Payne

College Music Theory Text Book

Provides fundamentals of music theory

Cover traditional and 20th (or Modern)
Methods of musical construction, composition
Etc.



A History of Western Music

Burkholders

Music History college text book

Covers the entire western music history going
Back to Greece and the start of

