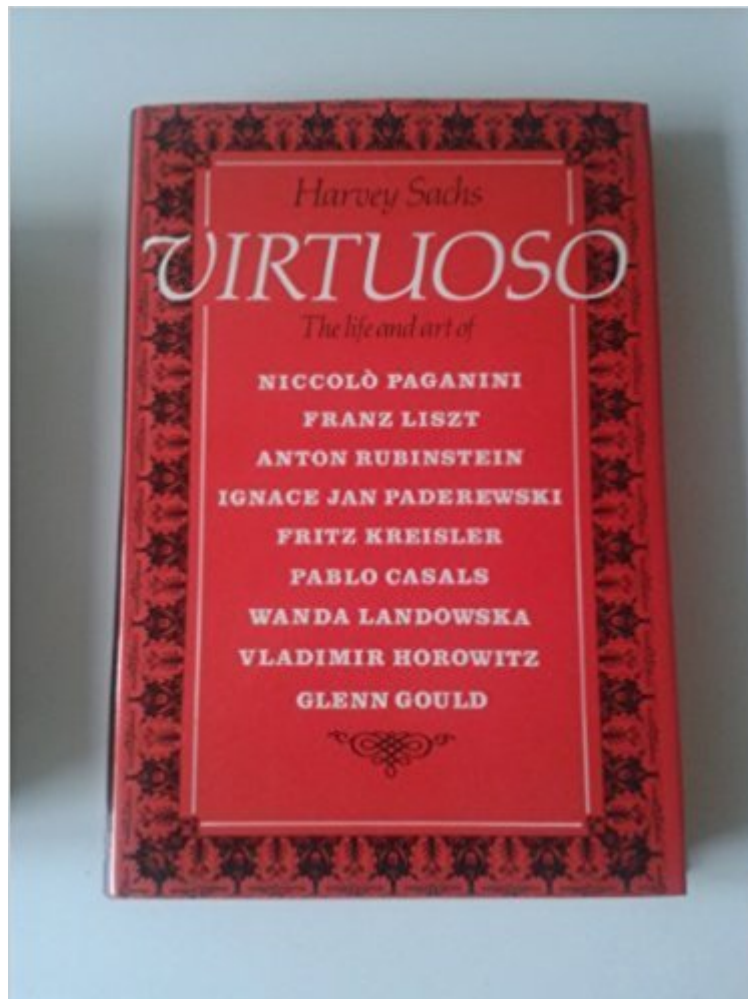


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I have three other books by Harvey Sachs, all of which are among my favorites. 'Virtuoso' has joined the list.

This book was a Christmas present for my granddaughter- it arrived very quickly. I was a little worried that it may have been a pre-used book but it was a new one and so I was delighted on all counts.

My father is a professional classical musician and after many years of playing he is now teaching. He loves to tell stories to his students about the great virtuoso's and so when I came across this book I just had to get it. He has related to me some of the stories and so the book "hit the target." Wonderful gift!

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