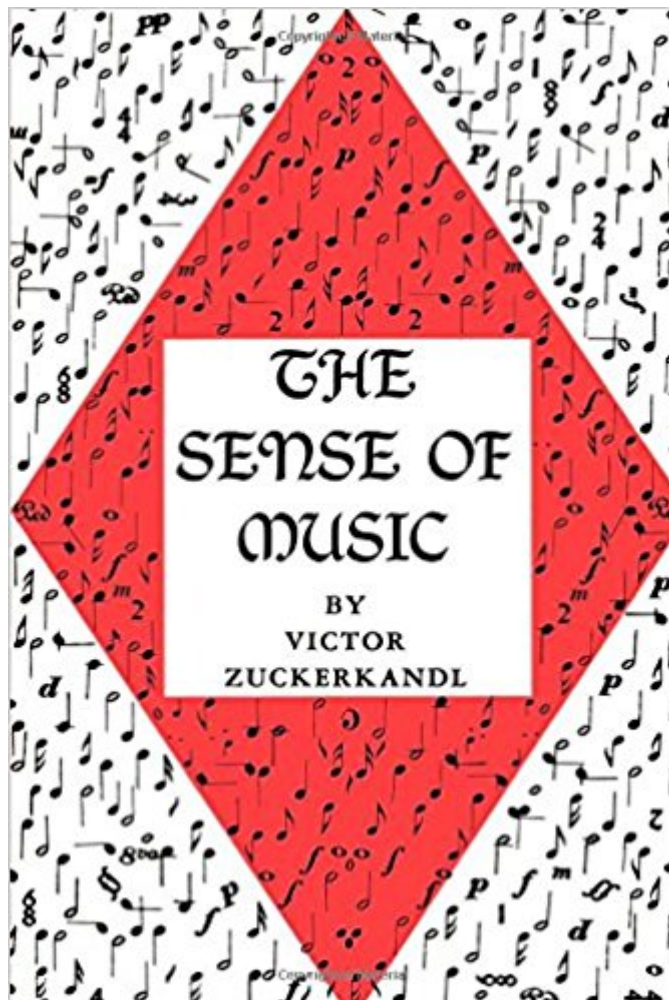


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# The Sense Of Music



## Synopsis

This book is addressed to the listener whose enjoyment of music is filled with questions and whose curiosity makes him eager to grasp the sense of music, despite a lack of theoretical training. Unlike the usual listener's guide, which begins with a discussion of the elementary materials of music, this book starts with the elementary experiences of listening.

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"Anyone who has taught a music course for general college students (as music appreciation, introduction to music, or part of a humanities core) will find this a fascinating and helpful book."--Music Educators Journal

Victor Zuckerkandl (1896-1965), born in Vienna, came to the United States in 1940 and taught at

Wellesley College, The New School, and St. John's College in Annapolis, where he developed the new approach to music presented in this book. His publications include *Sound and Symbol: Music and the External World* (Princeton/Bollingen, 1969). A continuation of *Sound and Symbol* was completed before his death. It has been translated by Norbert Guterman and published as *Man the Musician* (Bollingen XLIV:2).

Just as promised

I was looking for a book that would introduce me to music theory. My son recommended this one, and he was right. This is clearly and helped me to understand concepts that I have always wondered about. I recommend it.

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