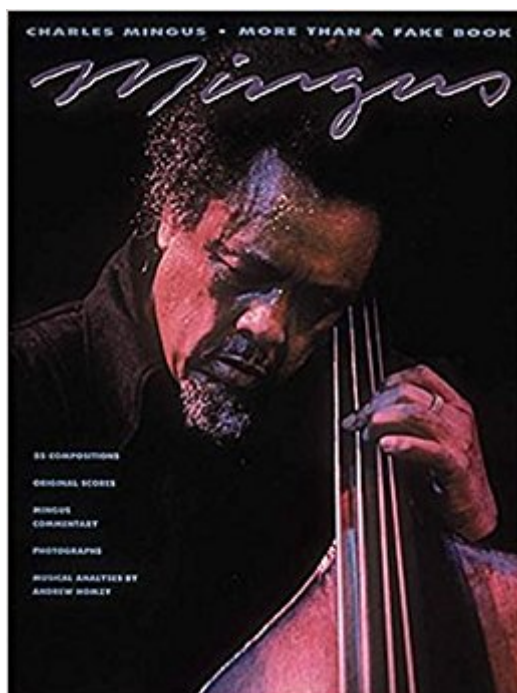


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(Transcribed). Charles Mingus was a pioneer figure in modern jazz. Besides being a virtuoso bass player who played with the top jazz musicians for four decades, he was also an accomplished pianist, bandleader and composer who recorded more than 100 albums and wrote more than 300 original and innovative scores. This incredible collection explores Mingus' background and prestigious career as well as 55 of his pieces. The stories behind each song are given and accompanied by notes on how Mingus played the piece. Mingus photos, anecdotes, quotes and an extensive discography fill this volume that collectors will treasure. A truly personal work that celebrates the genius within this jazz legend. Songs include: Fables of Faubus * Sue's Changes * Better Get Hit in Your Soul * Weird Nightmare * and more.

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This will do all the heavy lifting for you, a reliable resource on the music with some excellent biographical details that give context. You'll want to double-check the scores if you're trying to duplicate particular recordings, as each incarnation of each work is its own thing.

What constitutes "more than a fake book"? It is the delightful smattering of quotes, history, stories, musical analyses and discography that makes this such a great collection. This is a "must have" for any Mingus fan or any jazz musician looking for some insight into the wealth of music that Mingus

left for us.

THE BEST BOOK EVER!!!

Great book!

This was a gift to my son who is a musician. He calls it the absolute best gift I could have given him.

I chose this rating because there isn't better word offered to rate it. I am not satisfied with the book because I expected more transcriptions for bass or double bass, but that is not a situation—there is lot more transcriptions (80%) for piano and other instruments. Therefore, this is the book for amateur player or enthusiast, not for professional musician...

An must-own for jazz players and Mingus fans. It's all here— stories behind the tunes, accurate transcriptions (some in Mingus' hand) and plenty of great trivia, like the Mingus comic book promoting his anti-bootlegging project, and even his booklet on toilet training a cat. But mostly there's the music.

As an avid fan of Charles Mingus, naturally this book is a must have. The compositions featured are very accurate and precise, it is always a treat to not only be able to see the music, but to know its origins. Even those who are not fortunate enough to be a musician can pick up this book and enjoy the commentaries and the other fun tidbits (i.e the Mingus Cat-alog and the comic strip). I highly recommend this to anyone who is a fan of Mr. Charles Mingus. Anybody (musician or not) can enjoy this product.

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