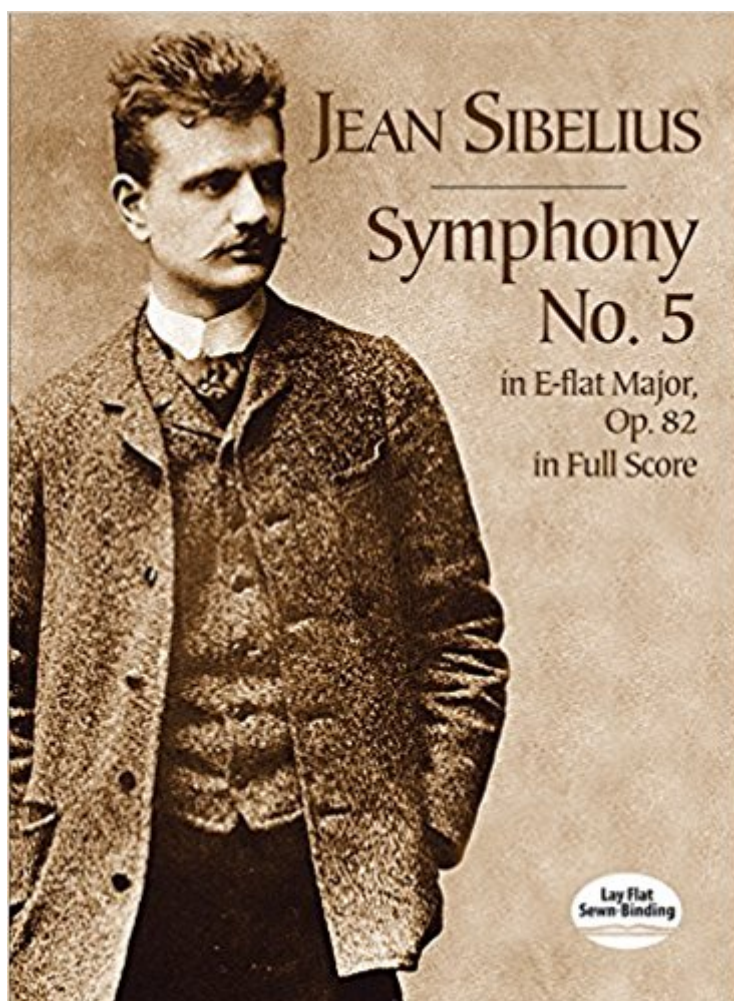


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One of the greatest of Scandinavian composers and a truly original figure in twentieth-century music, Jean Sibelius (1865–1957) put his native country – Finland – on the musical map. According to Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, he was "in the fullest sense of the term a musical patriot [who] enriched Finnish music, both officially and spontaneously, with a large number of works likely to form Finland's national art treasures." Like the composer's other symphonic music, the Fifth Symphony is entirely personal in content and form, taking on its character from the composer's life experiences, and distinguished by a simplicity and lucidity that have made it one of Sibelius's most popular works. Neither "deliberately modern nor studiously archaic," notes Grove's, "it is simply, in its most characteristic manifestations, unlike any other music."

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Sibelius 5 is a must know

good read. Full of suspense and fantastic dialogue. Not for the weak hearted though.

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Poor printing and paper...

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