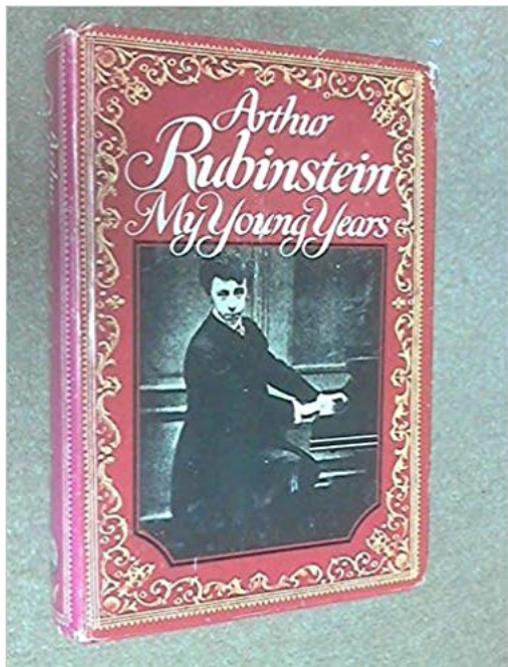


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The personal recollections of the piano virtuoso provide a record of his life and creative development from his childhood days in Poland to the years of the First World War.



Reviews of the *My Young Years* *by* Arthur Rubinstein

Akirg

Learned the gone era and his romantic life supported by rich Counts and Countess and others. I do not think we can live like that now. The society has changed but it tells us not only his life but how the society was operated 100 years ago. Also how he learned his beautiful Chopin music from a OK amateur pianist who took lesson from Chopin's Ex-student or "grand" student before Rubinstein. The Genius Rubinstein got the concept of Chopin music just listening to mediocrity piano student once and got it. Also he learned importance of humanity after decadent life and faced no money situation and decided kill himself but failed a suicide attempt. Then he was re-borne to be a responsible good citizen. I understand why he plays Chopin like that also his warm personality after reading this book. Everybody should read, particularly musicians.

Hamrl

A delightful, interesting and well written book that documents the golden age just before WW I, written by one of the greatest pianists of the past century. Yes, some piano teachers don't like their students to read this book (since young Arthur Rubinstein didn't like to practice piano), and some ladies don't like their young daughters to read this book (since the Maestro is sometimes quite outspoken about his amorous escapades, although he keeps away from telling any too many details). But seriously I would recommend every musician to read this memory anyway. It gives us a direct insight into one of the most interesting times of music history by someone who was part of it. The kindle formatting has some glitches, but the publisher is honest enough to provide his email address so readers can point out what's to be corrected. They also included the original photo documentation. Well done! I read this book for the first time in German translation many years ago. It was great to get it now in the English original. Very recommended.

Kezan

What a wonderfully interesting life! I was so happy to read about his younger years with friends, family and of course playing piano. How exciting it must have been to travel all over, meet new and interesting people and get paid for what you love doing most. About halfway through the book I started to feel like each chapter was the same. He would play piano, party, spend all of his money while preparing for the next gig, but still a fascinating look into the lives of one of my favorites.

Drelalak

Plus side, we read his philosophies on music, on playing, on other players. Minus side, we read about his life of hedonism, of epicurianism, of his materialistic pursuits, not nice at all. His music is magical. His life isn't, and it's almost like he brags when he writes about his love of the good life. But let's not forget how many careers of others he helped, namely Stravinsky, and so many others.

Dakora

An engrossing account of much of the classical music scene in Europe around the turn of the last century featuring many insights into both the structure of music training of talented youth and glimpses of the social and intellectual fabric of the time. The work has the feel of an honest account of the events and the emotional context of the author's often dramatic development into the world-class pianist that he would ultimately become. Very happy to be reading it, next is Horowitz!

Mushicage

A peek into the personal life/history of Arthur Rubinstein. Allows the reader to get a perspective on one of the most important figures in modern music. Well written and very informative, most interested readers will want to re-read this book just to assimilate the vast amount of information in it.

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Surprisingly funny and entertaining. Gives an insight to European culture and a greater understanding of this Great Artist

Very well, professional package! The book, even very old, in excellent condition. Happy buyer!

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