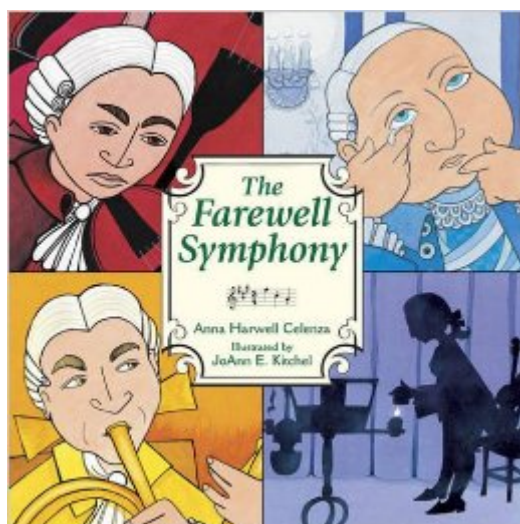


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The Farewell Symphony



Synopsis

Anna Harwell Celenza's engaging fictionalized telling of the story behind Franz Joseph Haydn's famous symphony is a perfect introduction to classical music and its power. **THE FAREWELL SYMPHONY** brings to life a long summer spent at Esterháza, the summer palace of Prince Nicholas of Esterházy. The blustering, bellowing prince entertained hundreds of guests at his rural retreat and demanded music for every occasion. As the months passed, Haydn was kept very busy writing and performing music for parties, balls, dinners, and even walks in the gardens. His orchestra members became homesick and missed their families. The anger, frustration, and longing of the musicians is expressed beautifully in the symphony born of the clever mind of Joseph Haydn who used it to convince Prince Nicholas that it was time to go home. Wonderfully expressive illustrations by JoAnn E. Kitchel capture all the comedy and pathos of this unique symphony. Beautifully interpretive motifs and borders convey the setting and emotion of the story mirroring the structure of the symphony with the repetitive use of sets of four. Making classical music and history come alive with color and character, **THE FAREWELL SYMPHONY** ensures a place for the arts in the hearts and minds of children.

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Customer Reviews

I do collect children's books and take into consideration the illustrations as well as the story. I rate this book excellent, the story is True, based on documented evidence. A CD is also included of the

complete "The Farewell Symphony" and I replay it ad infinitum. Excellent investment in quality entertainment. The illustrations are delightful! Dorothy Hope

I would read this to a class or child and then enjoy listening to the work. It's a very nice introduction to Haydn and the humor he used when composing. Wonderful book and it comes with a nice performance of several of Haydn's Symphonys.

My 7 year old loved this book. We read it together, then he read it again on his own. The illustrations in the book are wonderful, it's written very well for a 1st grader+ level and the attached CD was a nice touch. I have to say though that if your child had little to no exposure to classical music, it may not be as interesting. With the right preparation, this is a wonderful book.

This the best book I found for reading aloud to my elementary class on Haydn. The story is engaging and more importantly based on documented facts. My kids always ask if the stories are true and so I try to find ones based more on fact than fiction. The CD was also a nice accompaniment to reading the book.

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