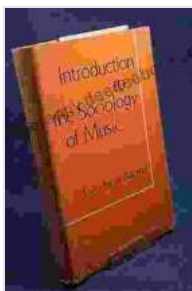


# Theodor W. Adorno on Music: International Library of Sociology

Theodor W. Adorno was a German philosopher and sociologist who was one of the leading figures of the Frankfurt School. He wrote extensively on music, and his work has had a profound influence on the way we think about music today.



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Adorno's philosophy of music is based on the idea that music is a social and historical phenomenon. He argues that music is not simply a collection of beautiful sounds, but rather a reflection of the social and economic conditions in which it is produced. Adorno also argues that music can be a form of resistance against oppression.

Adorno's work on music has been criticized for being too pessimistic and for being too focused on the negative aspects of music. However, there is no doubt that Adorno's work is an important contribution to the

understanding of music. His work has helped us to see music as a complex and multifaceted phenomenon that can be both beautiful and oppressive.

## ## Adorno on Jazz

Adorno was a controversial figure in the world of jazz criticism. He was one of the first critics to argue that jazz was a form of popular music that was not worthy of serious consideration. Adorno argued that jazz was too simplistic and that it lacked the complexity and sophistication of classical music. He also argued that jazz was a form of mass culture that was designed to appeal to the lowest common denominator.

Adorno's views on jazz were not widely shared by other critics, and he was often accused of being elitist and out of touch with the tastes of the general public. However, Adorno's work on jazz has been praised for its originality and its insights into the nature of popular music.

## ## Adorno on Wagner

Adorno was a lifelong admirer of Richard Wagner's music. He argued that Wagner was one of the greatest composers of all time, and that his music was a powerful expression of the human condition. However, Adorno also criticized Wagner for his anti-Semitism and for his glorification of violence.

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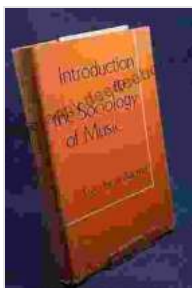
## ## Adorno on Schoenberg

Adorno was a close friend and colleague of Arnold Schoenberg. He argued that Schoenberg was one of the most important composers of the 20th century, and that his music was a powerful expression of the human condition. However, Adorno also criticized Schoenberg for his elitism and for his lack of interest in popular music.

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## ## Adorno on Stravinsky

Adorno was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a brilliant critic and a gifted musician, but he was also a pessimist and a misanthrope. His work on music is essential reading for anyone interested in the philosophy of music, the sociology of music, or critical theory. However, it is important to remember that Adorno's work is not without its flaws. His pessimism and his elitism can sometimes make his work difficult to read, and his lack of objectivity can sometimes lead him to make unfair judgments.



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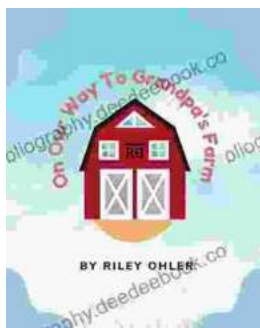
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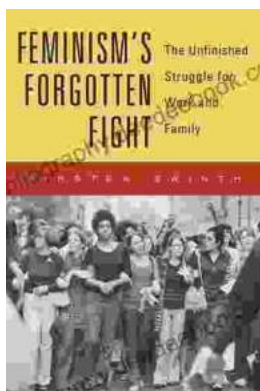
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