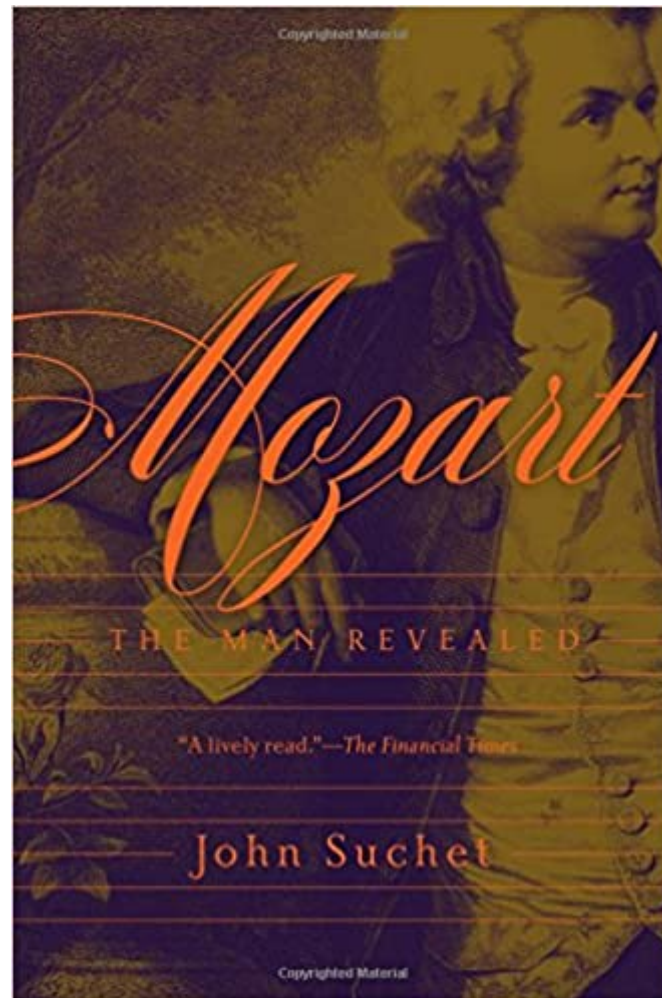




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Synopsis

The illustrated life-story of the world's most beloved composer, bringing vividly to life the man himself, his influences, achievements, and the glittering milieu of the Habsburg empire in eighteenth-century Europe. We think we know the story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's life. Austrian-born to a tyrannical father who worked him fiercely; unhappily married to a spendthrift woman; a child-like character ill at ease amid the aristocratic splendor of the Viennese court; a musical genius who died young thus depriving the world of future glories. Yet only that last point is actually true. In this comprehensive biography, John Suchet examines the many myths and misunderstandings surrounding the world's best-loved composer. From his early days as a child prodigy performing for the imperial royal family in Vienna to the last months of his short life, driven to exhaustion by a punitive workload, one thing remained constant: his happy disposition. Through trials and tribulations, grand successes and disheartening setbacks, Suchet shows us the real Mozart—blessed with an abundance of talent yet sometimes struggling to earn a living. His mischievous nature and earthy sense of humor, his ease and confidence in his own incredible abilities; these were traits that never left him. His music has brought comfort to countless generations; his life, though brief, is no less fascinating. 75 color illustrations

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“An ideal introduction to understanding the famous composer. Rich with wit and warmth, this compact biography is thoroughly enchanting.” - Kirkus Reviews (starred)

John Suchet presents Classic FM's flagship morning program in England. Before turning to classical music, John was one of the England's most respected television journalists. As a reporter he covered world events, including the Iran revolution, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Philippines revolution. John has been honored for both roles. In 1986 he was voted Television Journalist of the Year, in 1996 Television Newscaster of the Year, and in 2008 the Royal Television Society awarded him a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Royal Academy of Music has awarded him an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of his work on Beethoven, having written six books on the composer, including the highly acclaimed Beethoven: The Man Revealed. His bestselling biography of the Strauss family, The Last Waltz: The Strauss Dynasty and Vienna, was published in 2015.

While there are Mozart biographies out there that have more detail (than the average reader needs) and more musicological analysis (than the average listener needs or wants), this is the finest, best written, and most enjoyable biography of Mozart I have ever read. It is clearly written by someone who has digested all that we know about Mozart and delivered a real meat and bones portrait of him. Very enjoyable and highly recommended.

I have read many Mozart biographies, but this one really gave me a good idea about the man himself. I just loved the book and could hardly put it down. John Suchet knows his subject and I can't wait for his Strauss and Verdi biographies to appear on Kindle.....

Loved it, learned much about Mozart. Good read.

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