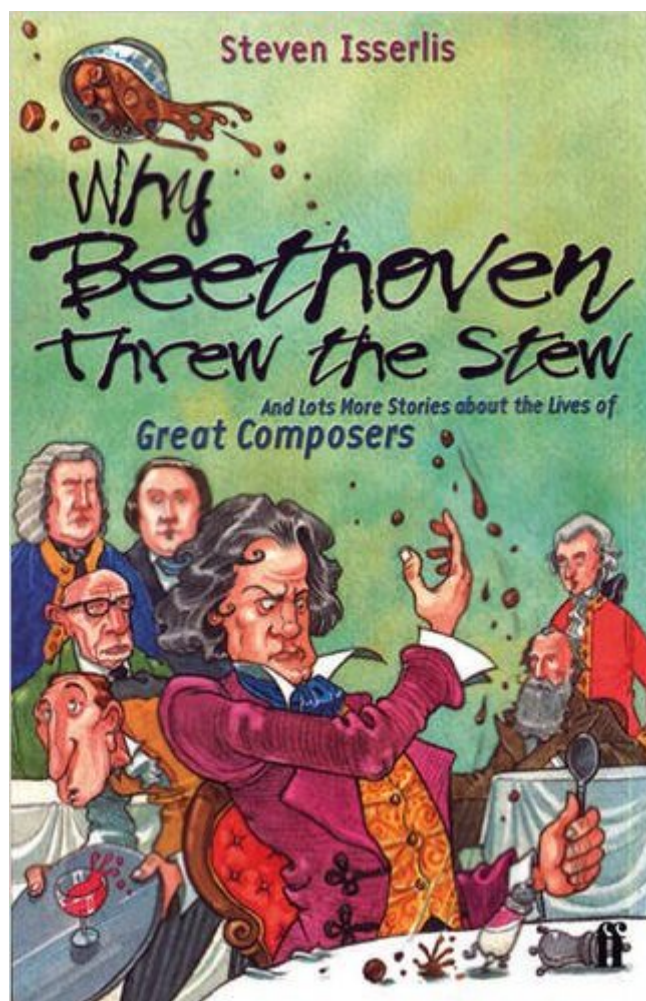


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# Why Beethoven Threw The Stew (And Lots More Stories About The Lives Of Great Composers)



## Synopsis

In *Why Beethoven Threw the Stew*, renowned cellist Steven Isserlis sets out to pass on to children a wonderful gift given to him by his own cello teacher - the chance to people his own world with the great composers by getting to know them as friends. Witty and informative at the same time, Isserlis introduces us to six of his favorite composers: the sublime genius Bach, the quicksilver Mozart, Beethoven with his gruff humor, the shy Schumann, the prickly Brahms and that extraordinary split personality, Stravinsky. Isserlis brings the composers alive in an irresistible manner that can't fail to catch the attention of any child whose ear has been caught by any of the music described, or anyone entering the world of classical music for the first time. The lively black and white line illustrations provide a perfect accompaniment to the text, and make this book attractive and accessible for children to enjoy on their own or share with an adult.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I am a professional adult musician and still learned a lot by reading Steven Isserlis' book! He has a way to make you close to the composer. You feel that you really know what kind of person the composer was after you read the chapter about him. And Isserlis is VERY witty from his first line of About the Author: "I was born at an early age"(!), you know that this is going to be fun to read. I bought a few copies that I am passing among my students (and their parents). I highly recommend it

to anyone, really. His second book is on another group of composers, written in the same style: true and checked facts about the composers, in a very entertaining style!

My nine year old boy adore this book. I translate it to him to spanish and read every night. The language is easy, yet not childish. Each composer is present in three parts, a portrait of the composer; a description of his music and finally some short biography.

This book reveals small details of the composers' lives that you might not find in serious biographies. Their stories are presented in a very personal way, as if you were talking to someone who knew them well...and in fact, you are. Steven Isserlis is a world-renowned concert pianist. Very well-written book that just races along as he acquaints you with the composers.

I really love this book, It is not only for kids, it is an easy to read compilation of anecdotes of great musicians. I could not stop reading, it is really interesting!! very recomendable for everybody, especially if you like music!

Fun book for any age about the personal lives of the great composers - what it was like living in those times.

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