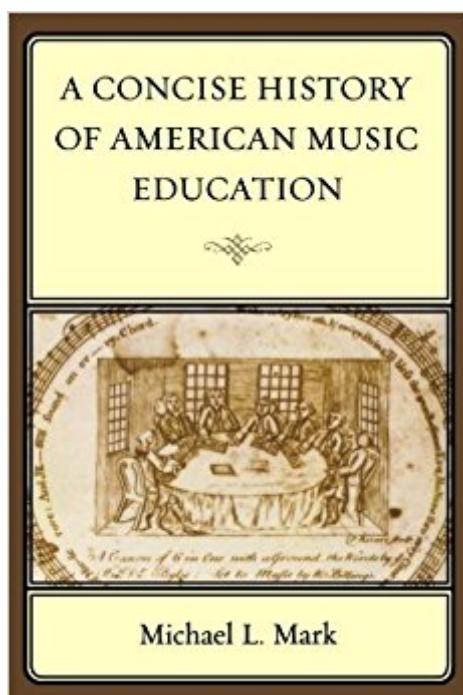


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Michael L. Mark is the author of several books, including Contemporary Music Education and Source Readings in Music Education History. He is professor emeritus of Towson University where he also served as dean of the Graduate School.

Read this for a graduate music education course. As mentioned by the other review, there's a disruption in the flow as you read. Within a chapter, there are multiple sections and subsections. When reading one subsection to the next, it jumps a few decades to a century in the timeline. When you get to the next section, you've jumped back a few decades. Superficial information on a specific organization, such as the date of when this organization changed their name, would be mentioned in, say, Chapter 3. Significant information on when this organization was actually established, why, and by whom wouldn't be explained until, say, Chapter 6. This happens very frequently to the point where it's frustrating. I was constantly going, "Wait, where did I read this before?" Other than that, it's been tremendously helpful to have a timeline of very important music education events consolidated into one book. I have definitely become more aware of how political and social events have led to the current music education that we have today and this knowledge has provided me with more conviction in music education advocacy. I only wished I didn't have to work so hard to keep up with the chronology.

Clear and concise. Quick and interesting read.

Valuable information, but historical sequence presented in often confusing manner. Using this for undergraduate course but waiting and wishing on a much-improved text to offer my students...

This is a must read for all current and soon to be music educators. Michael Mark has done an outstanding job of presenting what the book's title infers. The shipment arrived well within the prescribed time frame and was in outstanding condition. No problems!

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