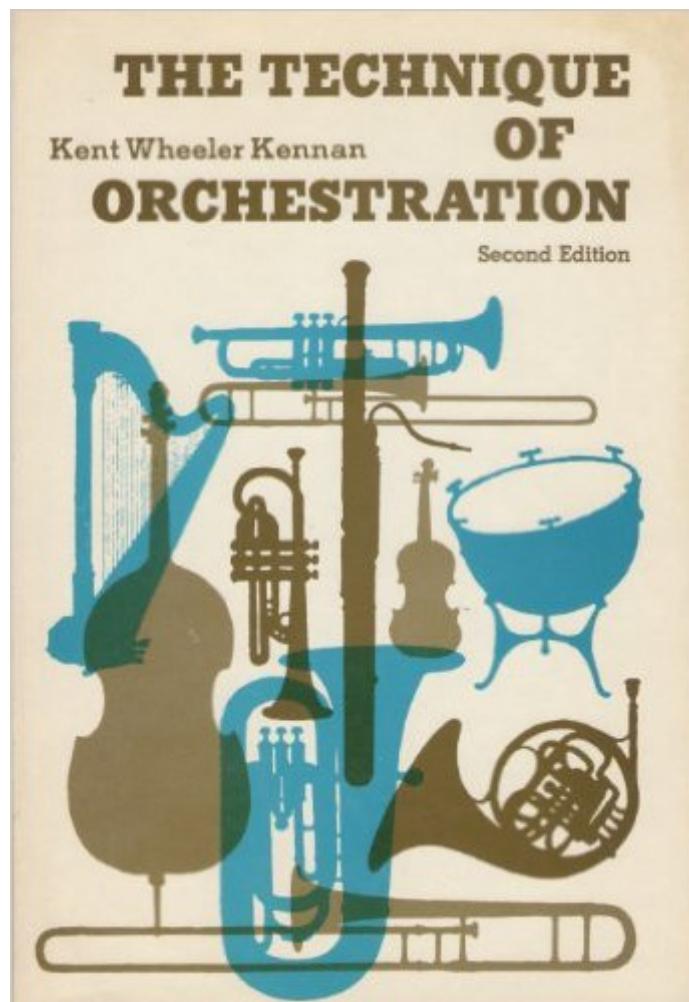


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## Synopsis

This masterful textbook emphasizes the fundamentals of orchestration. Following a brief introduction to the orchestra, the authors discuss the instruments individually, then by section, and finally in the full orchestral context. Suitable for beginning orchestration courses, the book also contains more advanced material. Features of this highly acclaimed text include:

- \* Up-to-date information on instruments
- \* Examples from scores of various periods and styles
- \* Lists of suggested assignments, music suitable for scoring assignments, and music for suggested listening
- \* Short chapters on scoring for school orchestra and other nonorchestral instrumental groups, including band and wind ensemble

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## Customer Reviews

We used the second edition of this book when I was an undergraduate studying music theory. I loved that book and have always had it on my shelf as a reference for correct transpositions, ranges, and all the little things one needs to know to write correctly for an instrument. When I read through this edition I was simply blown away. You know how you can get attached to an older edition and not want to give it up because the improvements don't overcome the familiarity? Well, the sixth edition clearly obsoletes my trusty old friend. The book still has the same general format in considering each family of instruments together and has all the good information of the previous editions. However, there is more information, better photographs, improved explanations, well-chosen examples, great suggested readings, listenings, and assignments. And the included CD has over 90 short examples of the sounds any orchestrator needs to have in his or her mind when

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