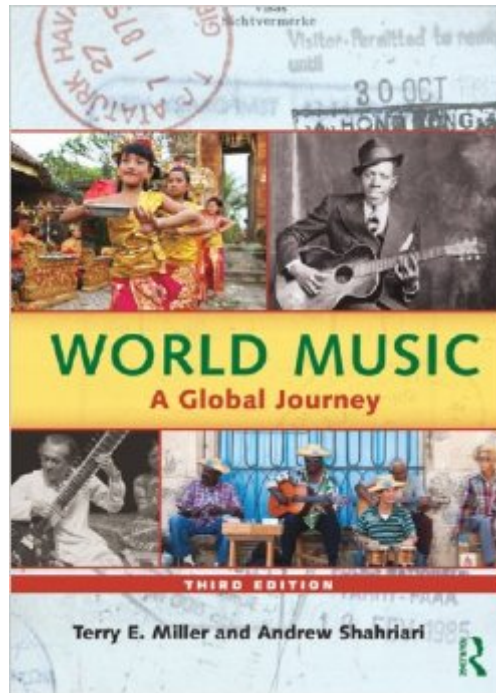


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# World Music: A Global Journey - EBook Only



## Synopsis

Authors Terry E. Miller and Andrew Shahriari take students around the world to experience the diversity of musical expression. *World Music: A Global Journey*, now in its third edition, is known for its breadth in surveying the world's major cultures in a systematic study of world music within a strong pedagogical framework. As one prepares for any travel, each chapter starts with background preparation, reviewing the historical, cultural, and musical overview of the region. Visits to multiple sites within a region provide in-depth studies of varied musical traditions. Music analysis begins with an experimental "first impression" of the music, followed by an "aural analysis" of the sound and prominent musical elements. Finally, students are invited to consider the cultural connections that give the music its meaning and life.

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- Over 3 hours of diverse musical examples, with a third audio CD of new musical examples
- Listening Guides analyze the various pieces of music with some presented in an interactive format online
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I used this book for a class. My major is computer and information systems, so this is probably as far as you can get from my academic and professional interests. Fortunately, the book and the professor made it an enjoyable course. It's very well-written and interesting. College text books of any kind tend to be horribly-written and obviously only chosen because the professor or department head has some kind of relationship with the author or publisher. This is a clear exception. One thing I did find lacking is music from the Maghreb (the countries from Libya to Mauritania). I know they had to pack in a lot of different types of music, but it's a pretty big and culturally distinct region to apparently lump in with the Middle East and not give any mention to Berber music or Arab music west of Egypt. There is a whole genre originating from Algeria called Raï , which has an interesting history and stories behind it.

The book is pretty good and I found it to be a pretty good companion for learning beyond the world music class that I took. I will be keeping this book for reference in the future. The CD's...that was another issue. They had superficial scratches all over them and during some of the audio tracks would skip or there would be digital noise indicative of scratches on the CD surface. I contacted the publisher and insisted that they be replaced due to faulty packaging. There were 2 other students in my class that had issues with disc damage due to packaging as well. After a short rebuttal, they

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