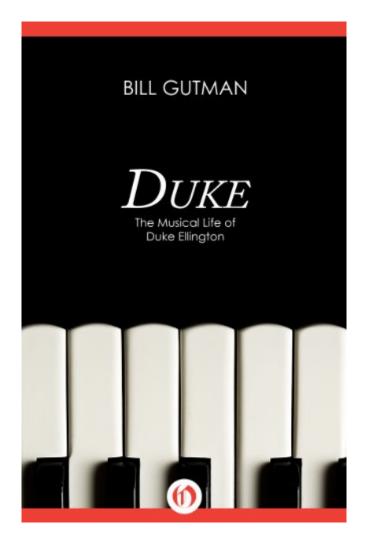
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This was a good introduction to the life of Duke Ellington. It made me want to read more about him, and I plan to go on to read his autobiography. My only complaint is that it was repetitive in some parts.

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