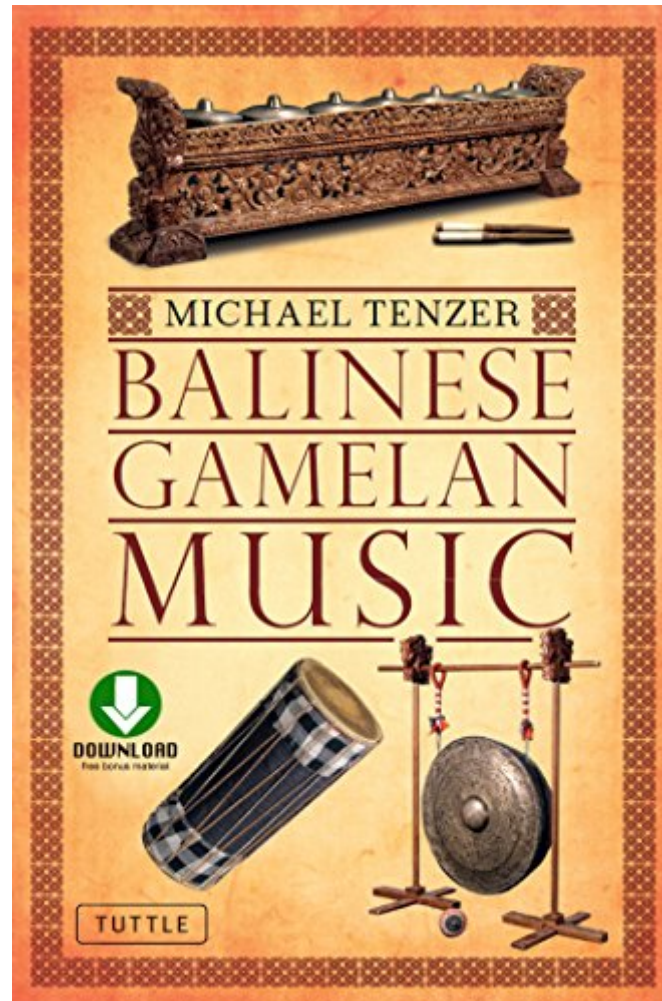


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DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO INCLUDEDWith extensive photographs this guide to Balinese music showcases the history, culture and art of the gamelan ceremony. Bali has developed and nourished an astonishing variety of musical ensembles—called gamelan—comprising dozens of instruments mainly made of bronze or bamboo, and organized into groups with as many as 30 to 40 players. In *Balinese Gamelan Music*, Michael Tenzer, a noted Professor of Music at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, presents an introduction to many types of Balinese gamelan ensembles, each with its own established tradition, repertoire and context. The instruments and basic principles underlying the music are introduced, providing listeners with the means to better appreciate the music—and its importance not only in Bali but around the world. The gamelan music of Bali is a centuries-old kaleidoscope of sound and rhythm that is recognized today as one of the world's most sophisticated musical traditions. Despite rapid changes in contemporary village life, hundreds of groups still perform regularly around this tiny island. A portfolio of color photographs and a brief guide to studying and experiencing music in Bali will prove indispensable to visitors and gamelan aficionados around the world.

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I collect Gamelan instruments, both Javanese and Balinese. This is an excellent introduction to the Balinese side of things. This is some of the most beautiful and unusual music in the world. The great bronze metallophones are stunning.

Gamelan is basically a pot gong and xylophone orchestra, from Indonesia. They have similar instruments in Thailand and Cambodia. They are played something like hocketing. The sound is ethereally beautiful, truly incredible. Balinese stands out among Javanese gamelan, it is faster, and livelier. This is a rather nice coverage of the subject, I was impressed. Listen, go to youtube, put in Gamelan, and listen for a bit. The music will sell itself to your ear.

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