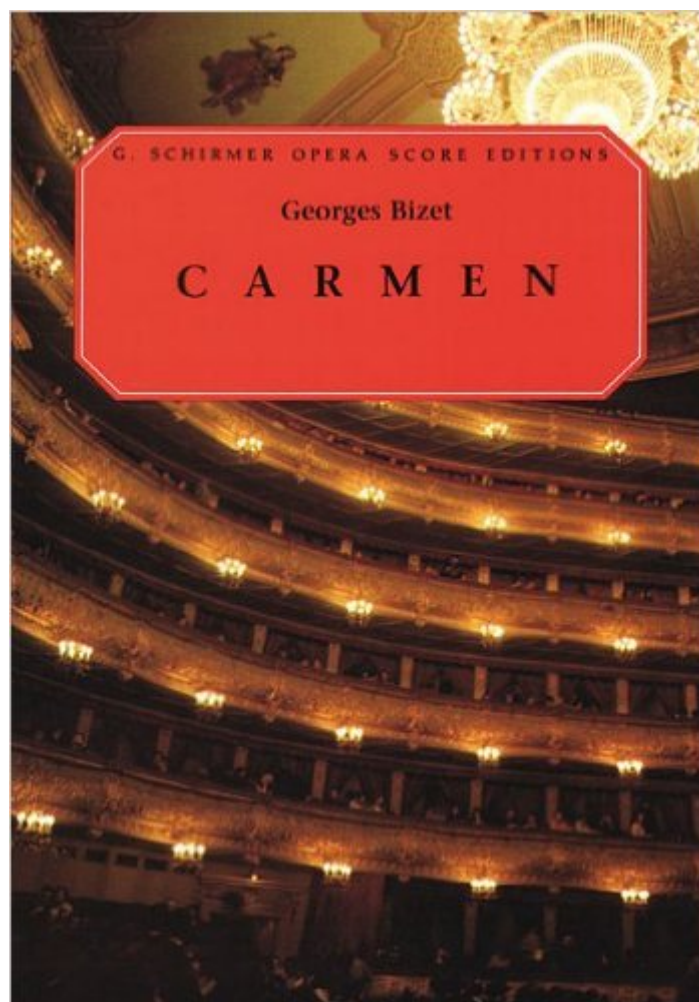


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It's a pretty standard vocal score. It does give a short synopsis of the story in the beginning. The binding is sturdy and the pages are well laid out and easy to read. I don't know French so I can't comment on the accuracy of the English translation. Good vocal score and widely used.

The first copy that I ordered was missing a substantial amount of pages....didn't think to check this before I had it spiral bound at Office Max. :((I know it wasn't their fault, because some of the page numbers skipped sequence from the front of one page to the back of the same page). Luckily, I DID

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I have to give this 5 stars. My wife sings and asked me to purchase this particular version of the vocal score. The ISBN no. matched the desired vocal score. Pros: It was ordered and it was delivered according to schedule. Cons: I mention the timeliness of delivery above because I buy a lot of products via Amazon, and, just this past 14 months or so; I have been receiving approximately one or two items out of five later than the two days specified in my Prime membership. The two days is obviously a convenience; but this score and a number of books I order, I really need in the two day period.

The Schirmer piano score of "Carmen" is mostly excellent. (I'm a second soprano in the chorus.) The English translation doesn't represent the French closely, but that's normal for translated libretti. My only objection is the numerous page breaks in the middle of fast vocal and accompaniment passages. This was probably necessary to keep the volume from being even thicker, and the problem can be solved by tacking a copy of the crucial line onto the edge of the preceding page.

Great score, great opera, great read. Carmen is Bizet's most famous opera and for good reason. This specific product came in great shape to my doorstep with carefully inserted packaging for the best of quality.

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