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## Music in Fiction



## La musique dans les romans

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Cowell, Stephanie  
**Marrying Mozart**

Fic/Cow 2004

*Story of the Webster daughters, the youngest of whom, Constanze, will marry one of the world's greatest composers. Lively depiction of 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe.*

Di Michele, Mary  
**Tenor of love**

Fic/Dim 2004

*With poetic lyricism this novel explores the amorous and artistic life of Enrico Caruso, first when he is still living in Italy and then after his move to New York.*

Fermine, Maxence  
**The Black Violin**

Fic/Fer 2003

*Venice in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the hero, Johannes, becomes obsessed with the wonders of the black violin and an equally mysterious woman.*

Fuller, Jack  
**The Best of Jackson Payne**

Fic/Ful 2000

*Fuller writes jazz criticism and has won a Pulitzer for his editorials. His sixth novel*

*is a thrilling blend of murder mystery, musicology and Americana*

Galloway, Janice  
**Clara**

Fic/Gal 2002

*A fictional study of the mind of Clara Schumann - pianist, composer, teacher, mother of eight. She nursed her husband, Robert, through terrible mental illness but this is a story of their everyday life and experiences.*

Hornby, Nick  
**A Long Way Down**

Fic/Hor 2005

*Meeting on New Year's Eve on a London rooftop known for its suicides, a talk show host, a musician, a teenager and a mother share stories about their lives.*

Joe, Yolanda  
**My Fine Lady**

Fic/Joe 2004

*Imani has a powerful singing voice and there are lots of men in her life to tell her what to do with it. Influenced by a college music professor, she turns from hip-hop to jazz.*

Kruger, Michael  
[The Cello Player](#)

Fic/Kru 2004

*Judit, an ambitious young cellist, arrives from Budapest and evokes past memories for a middle-aged German composer who writes serious avant-garde music but makes a living writing TV theme music.*

Landis, J.D.

[Longing](#)

Fic/Lan 2000

*This is a fictionalized biography of Romantic composer Robert Schumann and his wife, Clara, a renowned pianist - "a harrowing picture of [his] final disintegration".*

Maillard, Keith

[The Clarinet Polka](#)

Fic/Mai 2002

*Polish-American Jimmy Koprowski returns from Vietnam and feels stifled in his hometown. His sister starts an all-girl polka band and helps set his healing process in motion.*

Moor, Margriet de

[The Kreutzer Sonata](#)

Fic/Moo 2004

*A young musicologist introduces a well-known blind music critic to a pretty violinist. He then relates the story of their subsequent affair and turbulent marriage, and the truth behind the critic's blindness.*

Mason, Daniel

[The Piano Tuner](#)

Fic/Mas 2002

*Mild-mannered Edward Drake is sent to Burma in 1886 to tune the piano of a British military surgeon and discovers a more interesting life than what he knew in England.*

Nieme, Mikael

[Popular Music from Vittula](#)

Fic/Nie 2003

*Extreme music in an extreme climate—this is the story of boyhood friendship in the "vodka belt" of northern Sweden.*

Paskov, Victor

[Ballade pour Georg Henig](#)

Rom/Pas 1989

*Prix de la meilleure oeuvre en prose en Bulgarie. Une histoire d'amitié entre un*

*vieux luthier et un petit garçon dans un monde de musique avec Sofia pour toile de fond, vibrant au son des anecdotes du quotidien.*

Salzman, Mark

[Le verdict du soliste](#)

Rom/Sal 1994

*Reinart Sundheimer est violoncelliste, autrefois enfant prodige, il a trent-quatre ans maintenant et il doit faire face à sa vie professionnelle et sentimentale.*

Turner, Frederick

[1929: a novel of the Jazz Age](#)

Fic/Tur 2003

*Turner's novel is a fictional take on the life of the great jazz cornet player, Bix Beiderbecke, as well as a realistic portrayal of the Chicago of Al Capone in the years leading up to the depression.*

Tremain, Rose

[Music & Silence](#)

Fic/Tre 1999

*This Whitbread Award winner, set in 17<sup>th</sup>-century Denmark, is centred on the character of King Christian IV. It is structured around elaborate patterns of imagery - of music and silence.*