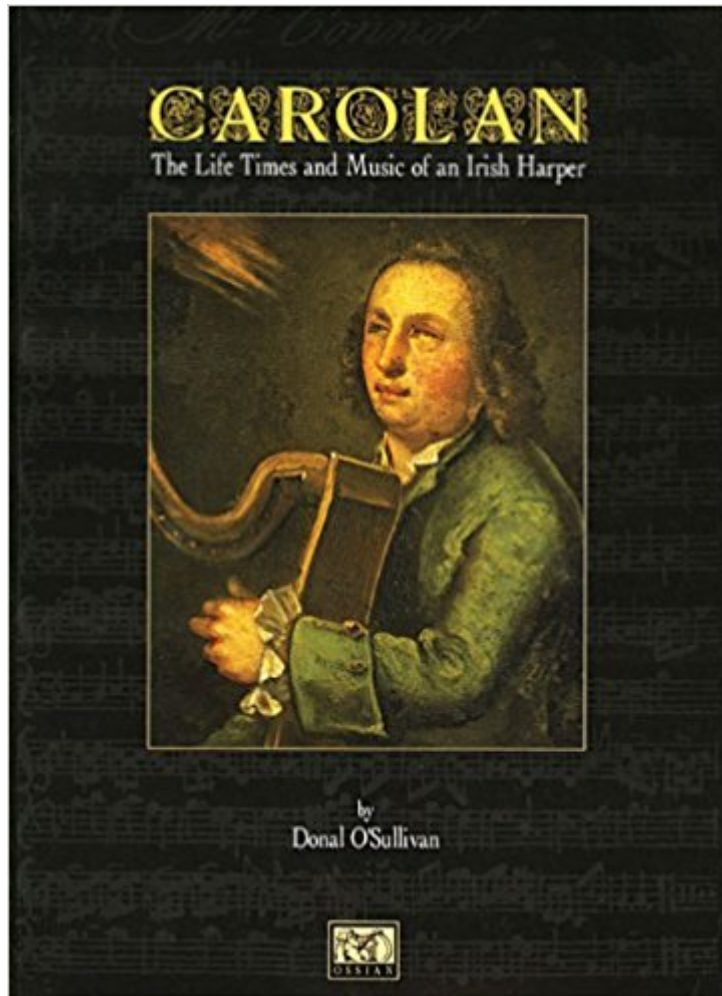




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(Music Sales America). Originally published in 1958, Donal O'Sullivan's classic study of Turlough O'Carolan became a musical and historical beacon for all those interested in Ireland's past and present. It is an indispensable tool for Irish musicians, who through this remarkable volume of research can go beyond the music itself, and engross themselves in the colorful world of this unique musician travelling in a still largely feudal Ireland of the 17th and 18th centuries. This edition contains all of the original sections, with all 213 tunes, the annotations to the tunes, the memoirs of Arthur O'Neill, complete indexes and an important new appendix which features additional tunes and facts which have been unearthed since the original publication first appeared.

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Customer Reviews

This is the definitive book on the life and music of Turlough O'Carolan. It begins with talking about historical events and the political atmosphere in Ireland in the 1600 and 1700s. Then it goes into Carolan, describing his life, where he has traveled, the patrons that he wrote for, and some anecdotes highlighting Carolan's personality. Finally there are the tunes - over 200 of them! Full of grace and beauty, many of these tunes are still loved and played by people today. The book is very dense, chock-full of information, and can be a little dry sometimes, but overall it is well-written and my favorite parts were the little stories from Carolan's life. Some of the stories are quite funny, as Carolan was a humorous man who enjoyed practical jokes and silly tales. This book is a fitting record of and tribute to Ireland's last great itinerant bard.

The review criteria boxes that they make you select have absolutely nothing to do with an item of non-fiction, or in this case, an archive of musical works. The book is very interesting and I particularly enjoy the stories surrounding the composing of each tune. Well researched and well done.

An authoritative must-have book for the Celtic player. The real music, not just arrangements, is given. I learned a lot about the historical context of the music and the interesting, challenged life of O'Carolan.

This is such a treasure of O'Carolan tunes. No arrangements, just the tunes. Highly recommended just for the music but the text is quite informative and well written as well.

Awesome book and music!

I purchased this book for use by our Celtic band, Foley Road. We perform some of Carolan's tunes during our shows and this book provides an authoritative reference to not only the scores, but the circumstances in Carolan's life that led to their composition. A must have if you are playing traditional Irish music.

Love the book! All you ever wanted to know about O'Carolan, his times, and his music! Front cover was creased when it arrived.

Haven't had time to go through much of it, but what I've seen is excellent. This has already become my go-to resource for Carolan tunes and history. The most interesting thing is all the background of the tunes. His tunes are interesting but having the stories behind them makes them so much more. Should have bought this years ago.

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