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I have Fischer-Dieskau's Book of Lieder and it has worked well for me to get the meaning of the poetry, that was set to music by Franz Schubert and others. Since I am now learning the German language, I can appreciate this book as one of the most comprehensive translations around. It is scholarly, well researched, and includes the IPA transcriptions! I now can look at the text in depth yet not be stymied by both the archaic text and idiomatic expressions. The commentary and explanations of the idioms are included and give clarity and depth to what is actually being said. The IPA is helpful frame of reference when I study with my linguist/coach. It helps me stay on track with long and short vowels, voiced and unvoiced consonants, which syllables are stressed, glottal stops and how brilliant Schubert was in setting the German language to music. I go over the words and my linguist refines the approximations of the IPA transcriptions into their exact pronunciation and the rhythm of the language. We look at the music and lo and behold Schubert's rhythms are in perfect alignment with the language and facilitates ease of singing. I am studying Winterreise and this tome is a treasure trove of knowledge and opens doors of insight. You can't go it alone if you want to get the most from this book. Even my linguist who is extraordinarily intelligent and educated in 11 languages, fluent in 8, finds new information and insight. The book itself is large, solid, and the binding is first-rate. It is like an artifact of another time when things were built to endure. It's not portable, but it's never leaving my apartment anyway. Both Volume I and II contain all his published

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