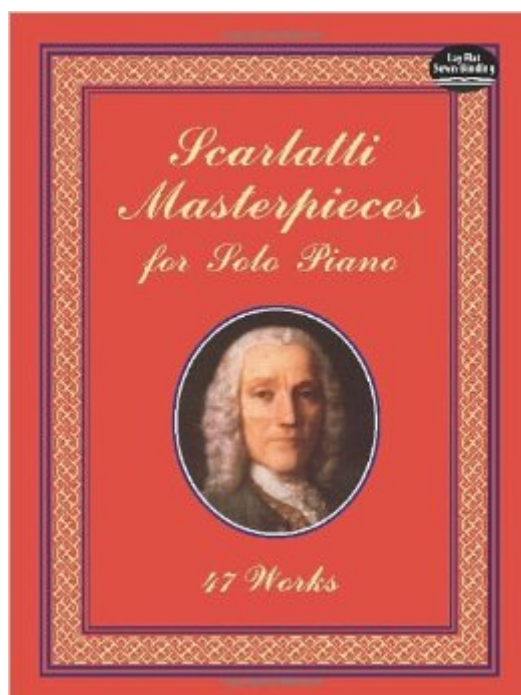


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two stars because it is Scarlatti, not more, because it is a bad edition, really bad, not the kind for which I usually like Dover, heavily edited, more slurs, articulation and dynamic marks, fingerings etc. than original notes. At second look, I see it's edited by Alessandro Longo, the famous, for Ricordi, in Milan, 1906-1908. Well, it's a hundred years and more ago, times change, I think I have been too harsh. It sure is of historical value. I imagine that then, with only very rare audio recording technology, it must have been for most players, barely emerging from the fogs and volcanoes of the late Romantic period, to have a specialist's guidance for how Scarlatti might be approached. So I add two stars to my original two, in honor of the great forefathers of the 20th century's pioneers of the revival of earlier music. However it's more like lessons in Scarlatti than like the texts, so it really depends on your preference and personal needs. Alessandro Longo (31 December 1864 - 3 November 1945) was an Italian composer and musicologist. from WikiLongo was born in Amantea. After studying at the Naples Conservatory under Beniamino Cesi (and composition under Paolo Serrao), he began teaching piano at his alma mater in 1887, deputizing for Cesi as pianoforte professor, and succeeded him in 1897. As a pianist, Longo often played in chamber ensemble with the Ferni Quartet, and with the Quartetto Napoletano (with Cantani, Parmiciano, Scarano and Viterbini). He founded various musical institutions in Naples, and gained a high reputation as a concert pianist. In 1914 he began editing the review L'Arte Pianistica.[1] He became Director of the Naples Conservatory in 1944, and died in Naples the following year, aged 80.

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