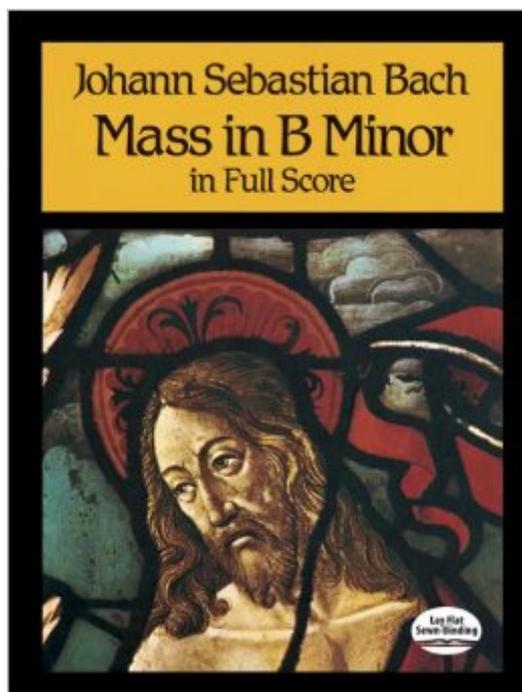


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Not as small as i feared. Easy to read, but pages don't lie flat, of course. And of course you will encounter C-clefs; it is the Bach-Gesellschaft edition, after all. I am very pleasantly surprised. This is a great bargain!

This is a well done score, but please be aware that it is small and uses the C clef instead of the more common bass and treble clefs.

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