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## Handel, Who Knew What He Liked

By M T Anderson

Candlewick Press, U.S., United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Kevin Hawkes (illustrator). Reprint. 220 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A droll biography reveals the high notes and the low notes in the life of the world's foremost composer of Baroque music. This is not your usual picture book biography. Nor was George Frideric Handel your everyday eighteenth-century composer. This witty and yet rigorously researched and accessible biography captures Handel's essential spirit from a child who smuggled a clavichord into the attic to play music against his father's orders to a young man who imported forty-five pounds of mountain snow to chill wine for a gala as well as his remarkable, enduring musical triumphs. But M. T. Anderson also shows Handel's struggles and chronicles the illness, ill fortune, and despair that led to his greatest achievement, the *Messiah*. With impeccable detail and a wink at the reader, Kevin Hawkes illustrates the singular story of Handel and the music through which he lives on.



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