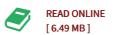




Henry Purcell s Dido and Aeneas (Paperback)

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Oxford University Press, United Kingdom, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. 2nd Revised edition. Language: English . Brand New Book. Purcell s Dido and Aeneas stands as the greatest operatic achievement of seventeenth-century England, and yet, despite its global renown, it remains cloaked in mystery. The date and place of its first performance cannot be fixed with precision, and the absolute accuracy of the surviving scores, which date from almost 100 years after the work was written, cannot be assumed. In this thirtieth-anniversary new edition of her book, Ellen Harris closely examines the many theories that have been proposed for the opera s origin and chronology, considering the opera both as political allegory and as a positive exemplar for young women. Her study explores the work s historical position in the Restoration theater, revealing its roots in seventeenth-century English theatrical and musical traditions, and carefully evaluates the surviving sources for the various readings they offer-of line designations in the text (who sings what), the vocal ranges of the soloists, the use of dance and chorus, and overall layout. It goes on to provide substantive analysis of Purcell s musical declamation and use of ground bass. In tracing the performance history of Dido...



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