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Published on the 400th anniversary of the first performance of the very first opera, this richly illustrated volume presents a wealth of performance photographs, stage designs, and paintings. It brings the history of opera to life through the individual stories of the hundreds of people who created it-composers, librettists, impresarios, conductors, directors, and, of course, singers.

The book is organized chronologically, with sections devoted to the great Italian, German, French, English, and Russian operas and artists. The final chapter surveys the many figures-directors such as Visconti, Zeffirelli, and Wieland Wagner; performers such as Domingo, Sills, Sutherland, and Norman; and artists, from David Hockney to Robert Wilson-who have brought opera to a broad new audience in the late 20th century.

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