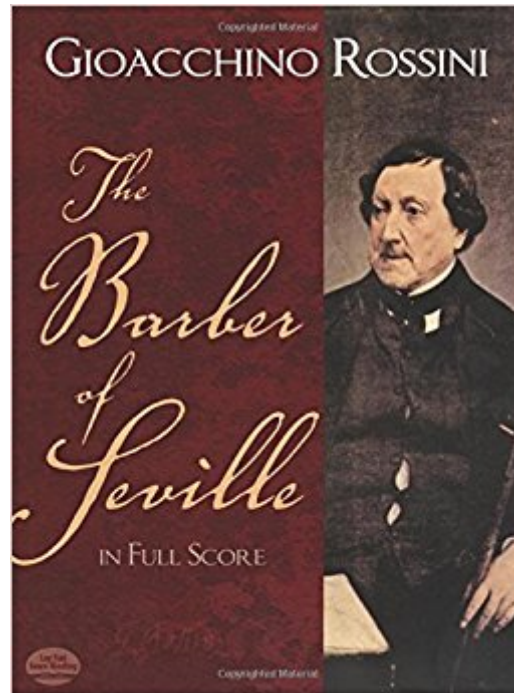




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One of Rossini's best operas, *the Barber of Seville*, is immortalized here in another one of Dover's

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