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## Lorraine's Bookshelf

The Chopin Preludes for the Intermediate Pianist, Book and CD  
Arranged by Jonathon Robbins  
Santorella Publications, LTD.  
P.O. Box 60, Danvers, MA 01923  
TS095, \$14.95, [www.santorellapublications.com](http://www.santorellapublications.com)

Containing twelve carefully chosen Preludes by Frederic Chopin arranged in order of difficulty for the intermediate pianist, the Distinctive Masterworks series for the intermediate pianist presents "The Chopin Preludes for the Intermediate Pianist." This series presents classical literature of substance that is yet accessible to the intermediate pianist, "acting as a bridge between the elementary level and the concert level for the young pianist (Foreword)." Each separate prelude is clearly printed and widely spaced, with clarifying details judiciously added. An accompanying CD performed by Jonathon Robbins adds to listening pleasure and learning capacity. An informative biographical sketch of the composer introduces the collection, and the cover is adorned by a beautiful color photograph of Valldemosa, a Carthusian monastery where Chopin stayed in 1838. Preludes included are Opus 28, no. 2, no. 4, no. 7, no. 11, no. 1, no. 6, no. 13, no. 15 ("Raindrop"), no. 3, no. 8, no. 12, and no. 17. This is an excellent collection for intermediate pianists and their teachers.

Additional music educational titles by the same publisher that are highly recommended, varied and useful include the following: "Latin Favorites" performed by Henry Doktorski, accordion edition book and CD (TS167, \$16.95), "How To Play Diatonic Button-Accordion Volume 3" by Henry Doktorski, book and CD (TS108, \$14.95), and "Easy Wedding Favorites for Classical Guitar" arranged by Robert T. Tarchara, book only from Minstrel Press, (GP2012, \$10.95).

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