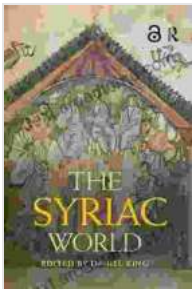


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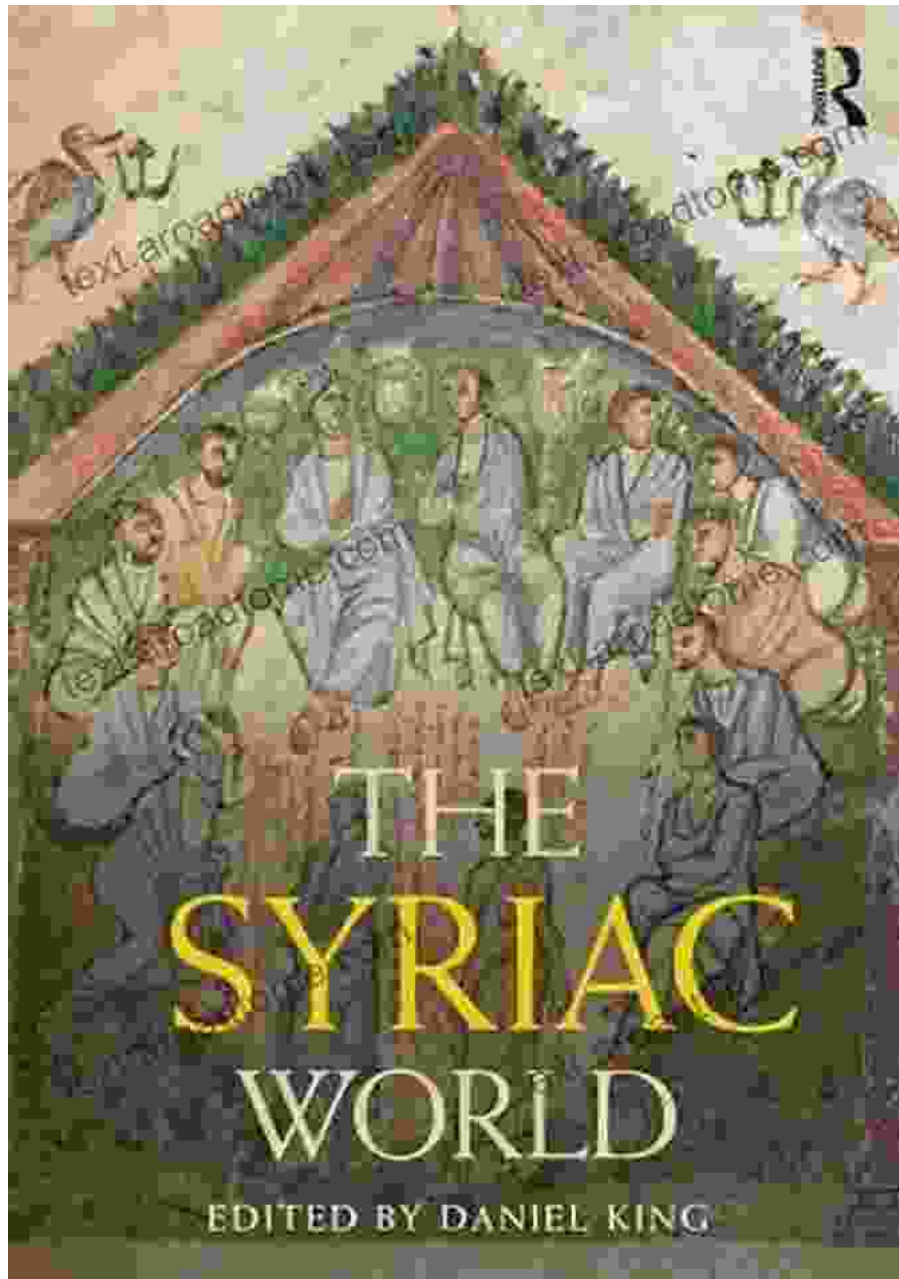
Syriac music is a captivating blend of Eastern and Western musical traditions. Syriac melodies are often characterized by their haunting melodies, intricate rhythms, and deeply spiritual lyrics. Syriac musicians have played a significant role in the development of Byzantine and Arabic music, and their influence can still be heard in the music of the Middle East today.



A Syriac musical instrument, the qanun, from the 12th century AD.

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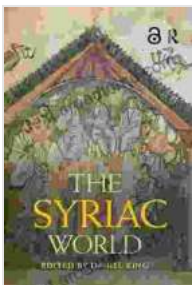
Syriac architecture is a testament to the ingenuity and creativity of this ancient people. Syriac architects designed and built some of the most impressive churches and monasteries in the Middle East, many of which have survived to this day. Their unique style is characterized by the use of domes, arches, and vaults, creating a sense of grandeur and awe.



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