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Wagner in Retrospect Böhlau Köln
 All modern artists have had to market themselves in some way. Richard Wagner may just have done it better than anyone else. In a self-promotional effort that began around 1840 in Paris, and lasted for the remainder of his career, Wagner claimed convincingly that he was the most German composer ever and the true successor of Beethoven. More significantly, he was an opera composer who declared that he was not composing operas. Instead, during the 1850s, he mapped out a new direction, conceiving of works that would break with tradition and be literally 'brand new'. This is the first

study to examine the innovative ways in which Wagner made himself a celebrity, promoting himself using every means available: autobiography, journal articles, short stories, newspaper announcements, letters, even his operas themselves. Vazsonyi reveals how Wagner created a niche for his works in the crowded opera market that continues to be unique. *Richard Wagner, sein Leben in Briefen* Cambridge University Press
 In this meticulously researched book, Oliver Hilmes paints a fascinating and revealing picture of the extraordinary Cosima Wagner—illegitimate daughter of Franz Liszt, wife of the conductor Hans von Bülow, then mistress and subsequently wife of Richard Wagner. After Wagner's death in 1883 Cosima played a crucial role in the promulgation and politicization of his works, assuming control of the

Bayreuth Festival and transforming it into a shrine to German nationalism. The High Priestess of the Wagnerian cult, Cosima lived on for almost fifty years, crafting the image of Richard Wagner through her organizational ability and ideological tenacity. The first book to make use of the available documentation at Bayreuth, this biography explores the achievements of this remarkable and obsessive woman while illuminating a still-hidden chapter of European cultural history. *The Language of Richard Wagner's Ring Des Nibelungen* BoD - Books on Demand
 Ein epochales Werk, das unseren Blick auf Richard Wagner verändern wird. Nach heutigen Maßstäben hätte Wagner spätestens 1855 mit den Erfolgen von *Rienzi* und *Lohengrin* finanziell ausgesorgt haben müssen. Statt dessen musste er Bettelbriefe schreiben und Mäzene

suchen, wegen seiner Sucht nach Luxus, aber auch, weil das frühe 19. Jahrhundert ernsthafte Komponisten schlechter entlohnte als spektakuläre Virtuosen. Wagner gelang es, um sich und sein Schaffen einen Mythos zu kreieren, der ihm neue finanzielle – und künstlerische – Möglichkeiten eröffnete. Zu diesem Mythos gehörte, dass Richard Wagner als deutscher Künstler von der jüdischen Presse ungerecht behandelt, von dem jüdischen Komponisten Meyerbeer getäuscht und von dem jüdischen Musikverleger Schlesinger ausgebeutet wurde – faustdicke Lügen, wie Drüner aus den Quellen zeigt. So wie Luxus, Seide und Parfüms, weibliche Zuneigung, tiefe Freundschaften (Nietzsche, Liszt) brauchte Wagner zum Komponieren sehr lange diesen antisemitischen Impuls. Zu seiner Selbstinszenierung gehörte auch das Rezitieren und Deklamieren seiner Dichtung im engsten Kreise, woraus er die Sprachmelodie und die Inspiration gewann. Diese Biografie zeigt, wie Wagner nicht nur als Komponist, Regisseur und Dirigent wegweisend wirkte, sondern auch das Berufsbild des sich immer wieder neu erfindenden Intellektuellen in Deutschland maßgebend prägte.

Nietzsche, Wagner and the Philosophy of Pessimism Oxford University Press

Once tainted by association with Hitler and Nazism, Richard Wagner's work has experienced an international cultural renaissance in the last 25 years. His magnum opus, *Der Ring des Nibelungen*, which took him over 20 years to finish, is a complex tale with themes of greed, corruption and loss, spun out in more than 16 hours of powerfully moving opera. This book, with provocative essays for both the uninitiated and the seasoned fan, examines Wagner's Ring cycle from a wide array of modern perspectives. Divided into six parts, this anthology first offers a foundation for the Ring, with a chronology and an introduction, along with a look at Wagner as an enterprising marketer. Part Two explores different interpretations of the Ring, with reference to politics, romanticism and international inspirations. Part Three studies the complex relationship between Wagner's Ring and Germany, with a summary of the opera's influence on German culture and a discussion of its Munich premiere. Part Four offers a production history, including studies of the Ring's effects in America and its influence on world literature. Part Five provides a technical examination of language in the Ring, as well as an interview with the famous Wagnerian soprano Jane Eaglen. The book concludes

with an essay on the trouble with Wagnerian opera and an overview of the recorded Ring on disc, video and print. *Das Mittelalter Richard Wagners* Piper Verlag
Die vorliegende Lebenschronik Richard Wagners, die erste seit Jahrzehnten, zeichnet Leben und Schaffen umfangreich Tag für Tag, Monat für Monat, Jahr für Jahr in seinem wechselvollen Gang mit allen Höhen und Tiefen auf. Die Datenfolgen werden angereichert durch zahlreiche Eigenzitate Wagners, durch Zeugnisse von Freunden und Zeitgenossen sowie durch Einbindung in wichtige Zeitereignisse. Wagners Entwicklung, spannungsvoll zwischen Kunst und Politik, Theater und Revolution gelagert, wird an seinen einzelnen Lebensstationen, seinen musiktheatralischen Werken und seinen kunstästhetischen wie kunstpolitischen Schriften umfangreich dokumentiert. Die Chronik kann so auch als neue Biographie Wagners gelten.

The Life of Richard Wagner Taylor & Francis

An illuminating 1902 account of Wagner's life and artistic aims, with an analysis of each of his music dramas.

Richard Wagner and the Art of the Avant-Garde, 1860-1910 Routledge

An investigation of the considerable influence of Wagner's stay in Zurich from 1849 to 1858 -- a period often discounted by scholars -- on his career. When the people of Dresden rose up against their king in May 1849, Richard Wagner went from Royal Kapellmeister to republican revolutionary overnight. He gambled everything, but the rebellion failed, and he lost all. Now a wantedman in Germany, he fled to Zurich. Years later, he wrote that the city was "devoid of any public art form" and full of "simple people who knew nothing of my work as an artist." But he lied: Zurich boasted arguably the world's greatest concentration of radical intellectuals and a vibrant music scene. Wagner was accepted with open arms. This book investigates Wagner's affect on the musical life of the city and the city's impact on him. Mathilde Wesendonck emerges not as Wagner's passive muse but as a self-assured woman who exploited gender expectations to her own benefit. In 1858, Wagner had to flee Zurich after again gambling everything -- this time on Mathilde -- and again losing. But it was in Zurich that Wagner wrote his major theoretical works; composed *Das Rheingold*, *Die Walküre*, and parts of *Siegfried* and *Tristan und Isolde*; first planned *Parsifal*; held the first festival of his music; and conceived of a theater to stage his own works. If Wagner

had been free in 1849 to choose a city in which to seek heightened intellectual stimulation among the like-minded and the similarly gifted, he could have come to no more perfect place. Chris Walton teaches music history at the Musikhochschule Basel in Switzerland. He is the recipient of the 2010 Max Geilinger Prize honoring exemplary contributions to the literary and cultural relationship between Switzerland and the English-speaking world.

Richard Wagner, His Life and His Dramas Springer-Verlag

Enthält das Verzeichnis der Wahnfried-Bibliothek, Bayreuth, ohne Partituren und Textbücher.

Richard Wagners geistige Entwicklung University of Michigan Press

"Why produce another biography of Wagner? There are a number of answers to this question. In the first place, the archives are being opened and new documents are appearing all the time. Dr von Westernhagen, a scholar who has devoted his life to Wagner, has produced the only general biography on this scale which is truly up-to-date in making use of this fresh archive material. In the second place, there is a need for a biography which focuses on Wagner's artistic achievements. In recent years Wagner has become a 'problematic' figure, largely because recent biographies have concentrated on his anti-Semitism, his egoism and his sexual life, and have presented the picture of an implausible scoundrel who by chance also wrote some music dramas. Westernhagen's approach is much more positive: his starting point is the importance and the supreme greatness of Wagner's artistry. This is therefore a positive biography, which combines an appropriate largeness of scale with factual accuracy and familiarity with the source documents. Dr von Westernhagen quotes extensively from letters and diaries to throw light, for example, on Wagner's relationship with Cosima, his idea of emigrating to America, his estrangement from Nietzsche (and the way this was later wilfully misrepresented by Nietzsche's sister, Elisabeth), and the later years as they are reflected in the so-called Brown Book, a notebook for the years 1865-82 which Wagner kept for Cosima and which was first published only in 1975. The author has also consulted the composition exercises which Wagner wrote in his teens for his teacher Theodor Weinlig, and the contents of the composer's Dresden library help to establish what were the early intellectual influences upon him. This biography concentrates on the nature of Wagner's

art, its development, its achievement: the way, for instance, that Wagner was able to keep many projects in mind simultaneously, all of them dovetailing into one another with an inexorable logic. Particularly useful features of this study are the appendices which include a chronological summary of Wagner's life, a complete list of his musical and literary compositions and an up-to-date bibliography. This is a definitive biography which will stand beside Newman's classic work as an indispensable reference book for all future studies of Wagner, and a judicious account for those approaching this fascinating life story for the first time." --Dust jacket.

Richard Wagner Springer-Verlag
Parsifal, Wagner's final opera, is considered by many to be one of the greatest religious musical works ever composed; but it is also one of the most difficult to understand and many have questioned whether it can be considered a "Christian" work at all. Added to this is the furious debate that has surrounded the composer as an anti-Semite, racist, and inspiration for Hitler. Richard Bell addresses such issues and argues that despite any personal failings Wagner makes a fundamental theological contribution through his many writings and ultimately in Parsifal which, he argues, preaches Christ crucified in a way that can never be captured by words alone. He argues that Wagner offers a vision of the divine and a "theology of Good Friday" that can both function as profound therapy and address current theological controversies.

Richard Wagner-Chronik Camden House

Zur problematischen Wagner-Rezeption in Deutschland. Die Geschichte der politisch-ästhetischen Rezeption Richard Wagners ist noch nicht aufgearbeitet. Der Autor geht den sich wandelnden Deutungen von Wagners Denken und Werk seit dem Kaiserreich bis in die Zeit der frühen Bundesrepublik nach und untersucht die Funktionalisierung der Werke zu politischen Zwecken. Als Grundlage dienen u. a. maßgebliche Wagner-Biografien. Die von 1878 bis 1938 erschienenen Bayreuther Blätter werden erstmals umfassend ausgewertet.

Wagner McFarland

From renowned music critic and musicologist Ernest Newman comes the first of four volumes chronicling the life of legendary German composer Richard Wagner. This first volume takes us through the early years of Richard's life: his birth in Leipzig; his childhood in Dresden and the sparks of his interest in music, opera, and

theater; his musical education, including his studies at University of Leipzig; his early career, accompanied by his first compositions and first money troubles; and his six years spent in Dresden, including his involvement in left-wing politics. Originally published between 1933 and 1947, Newman's *The Life of Richard Wagner*, Volumes I-IV remains a classic work of biography. The culmination of forty years' research on the composer and his works, these books present a detailed portrait of perhaps the most influential, the most controversial and the most frequently reviled composer in the whole history of western music. Newman was aware that no biography can ever claim to be complete or completely accurate: "The biographer can at no stage hope to have reached the final truth. All he can do is to make sure that whatever statement he may make, whatever conclusion he may come to, shall be based on the whole of the evidence available at the time of writing." In this aim he triumphantly succeeds.

Für Richard Wagner! BRILL

This book explores the responses of leading European avant-garde painters to the operas of Richard Wagner, the most influential composer of the late nineteenth century. The term avant-garde represents a twenty-first century evaluation of certain nineteenth-century artists working in a variety of advanced styles, rather than a phrase the artists applied to themselves. Chapters are on individual artists or groups, rather than an attempt to survey all of nineteenth-century Wagnerian visual art. They deal with paintings and drawings inspired by Wagner and his operas, not with the composer's larger cultural influence through his writings and personal example. Thus artists such as Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin, who knew of Wagner's music and writings but did not depict scenes from his operas, are not discussed in detail. The emphasis is on the diverse effects Wagner had on the works of leading avant-garde artists, varying according to their personalities and stylistic interests. The period beginning in the 1880s, often associated with post-Impressionism, was characterized by a movement away from realist subject matter to more personal or imaginary themes, a general intellectual trend of the fin-de-siècle. Wagner's remote quasi-historical or mythological subjects fit well with this escapist tendency in the art and culture of the time, in part a return to the Romantic sensibility that was dominant in Wagner's youth. Wagner's influence peaked in the period between his death in 1883 and 1900, though a few

long-lived artists continued their Wagnerian explorations from this era well into the early twentieth century. There is no "Wagner style" in art, yet Wagner's pervasive influence is immediately evident in these works. Artists whose works are discussed include Eugène Delacroix, Henri Fantin-Latour, Odilon Redon, Max Klinger, James Ensor, Fernand Khnopff, John Singer Sargent and Aubrey Beardsley, among others. The book features 60 art reproductions, half of them in color.

Wagner's Parsifal BoD - Books on Demand

Newman's *Life of Wagner*, published between 1933 and 1947, the culmination of forty years' research, is a classic biography.

Richard Wagner, sein Leben und Schaffen Delphi Classics

Nietzsche's relationship with Wagner has long been a source of controversy and has given rise to a number of important studies, including this major breakthrough in Nietzsche scholarship, first published in 1982. In this work Hollinrake contends that the nature and extent of the anti-Wagnerian pastiche and polemic in Thus Spake Zarathustra is arguably the most important factor in the association between the two. Thus Wagner, as the purveyor of a particular brand of Schopenhauerian pessimism, is here revealed as one of the principle sources - and targets - of Zarathustra. Whilst addressed primarily to students of German Literature, this book will also be of interest to musicians, philosophers and students of the history of culture and ideas.

Richard Wagner Karl Blessing Verlag
A new, expanded edition of Richard Wagner's letters to his family.

Richard Wagner Knopf

Reproduction of the original: Richard Wagner by W.J Henderson

Richard Wagner CUP Archive

The unrivaled single-volume survey of Wagner's life and work Edited by one of the leading Wagner scholars of modern times, and with contributions from seventeen experts from around the world, *The Wagner Compendium* is the key to a complete understanding of the composer— the most comprehensive, informative and well-organized guide to his life and times. Features include: calendar of Wagner's life, works and related events who's who of Wagner's contemporaries details of historical, intellectual and musical background exploration of Wagner's character and opinions full list of Wagner's prose writings comprehensive listing and discussion of the works

Richard Wagner, sein Leben und Schaffen

University of Chicago Press
 William Kinderman's detailed study of Parsifal, described by the composer as his "last card," explores the evolution of the text and music of this inexhaustible yet highly controversial music drama across Wagner's entire career, and offers a reassessment of the ideological and political history of Parsifal, shedding new light on the connection of Wagner's legacy to the rise of National Socialism in Germany. The compositional genesis is traced through many unfamiliar manuscript sources, revealing unsuspected models and veiled connections to Wagner's earlier works. Fresh analytic perspectives are revealed,

casting the dramatic meaning of Parsifal in a new light. Much debated aspects of the work, such as Kundry's death at the conclusion, are discussed in the context of its stage history. Path-breaking as well is Kinderman's analysis of the religious and ideological context of Parsifal. During the half-century after the composer's death, the Wagner family and the so-called Bayreuth circle sought to exploit Wagner's work for political purposes, thereby promoting racial nationalism and anti-Semitism. Hitherto unnoticed connections between Hitler and Wagner's legacy at Bayreuth are explored here, while differences between the composer's politics as an 1849 revolutionary and the later response of his family to National

Socialism are weighed in a nuanced account. Kinderman combines new historical research, sensitive aesthetic criticism, and probing philosophical reflection in this most intensive examination of Wagner's culminating music drama.

Richard Wagner, sein Leben und seine Werke Yale University Press
 Richard Wagner: A Research and Information Guide is an annotated bibliography concerning both the nature of primary sources related to the composer and the scope and significance of the secondary sources which deal with him, his compositions, and his influence as a composer and performer.

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