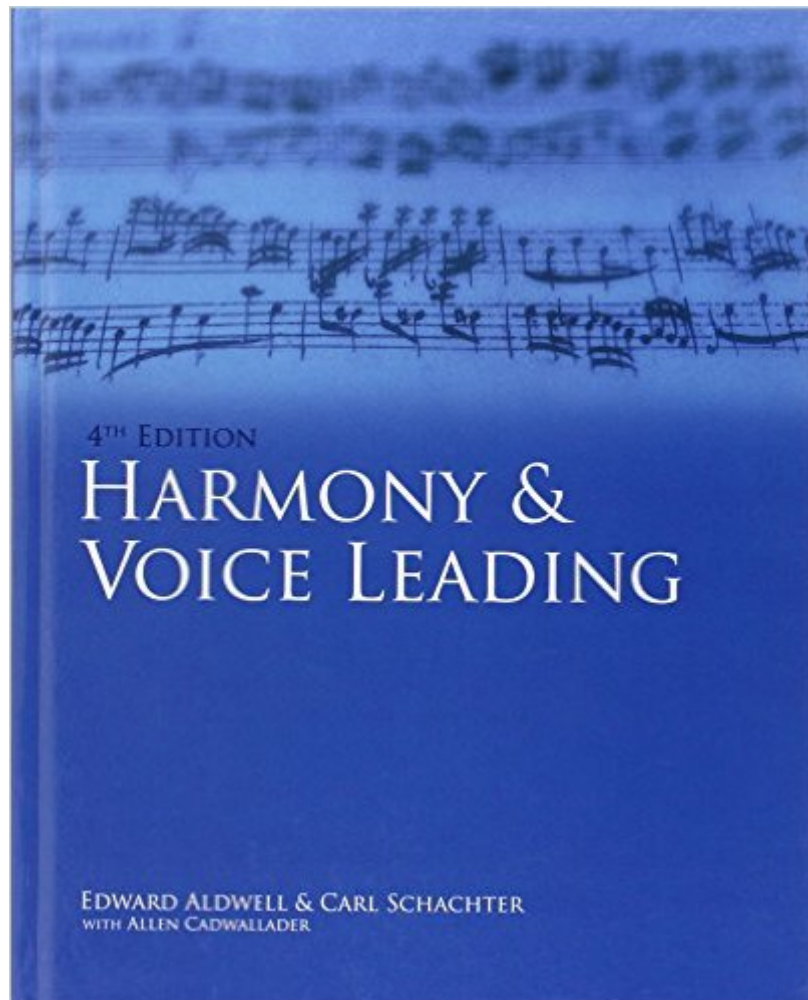


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# Harmony And Voice Leading



## Synopsis

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This text is extremely deep and challenging. I did find it irritating how the authors chose to abandon some conventions. Most irritating was the use of upper case Roman numerals for all chords regardless of quality. A barrier to learning for me, as the subject matter is difficult enough without having to deal with that quirk. The authors do explain their reasons for this, but it's a pain in the butt. Additionally there are other labelings of certain types of progressions that I found a bit confusing. I've used a few theory books in my career, but this one is by far the most in-depth and challenging. If you are required to take theory and this is your text for the course, stand by, you are in for a ride. If you have an excellent professor (I did), it's do-able.

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This is the most comprehensive text on the subject. If you are a composer, or even a musician, who wants to learn harmony in depth, this book is a must. However, bear in mind that it only deals, though in depth, with Major-Minor tonality. Modal, jazz, or modern (contemporary) harmony are not covered here. Nevertheless, this is not a demerit of the book because dealing with each of these kinds of harmony needs a totally separate text. I LOVE IT.

I chose this book because it looks at the music as a whole-not just the harmony. With a broader understanding of the make-up of the music, the performer can learn music faster and give a better performance. I would definitely recommend this book.

The fourth edition of Aldwell and Schachter remains the best available reference for writing harmony. The organization of the chapters makes this book perfect for when you want ideas for how to harmonize a particular note or phrase. I imagine this would also be a great text for students of harmony as well. The explanations are clear, and the examples are all "good music", (mostly from before 1900). I recommend the CD as well, since the examples are performed well on it.

This book is overpriced and is confusing to read. The language is very wordy and takes forever to learn voice leading concepts. It took me an hour to learn a simple modulation concept with this book whereas the Piston Harmony book puts it in a very simple way.

The best book I have found to explain the foundation of music theory. All the others on are worthless compared to this one plus I can trade it in for almost full price because this is the book every good conservatory uses in the USA. Buy and study this book it will help your skill set immeasurably

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