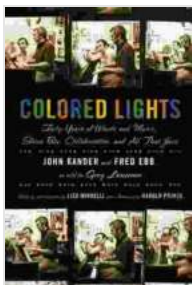


Forty Years of Words and Music: A Collaboration for the Ages

In the world of entertainment, few partnerships are as enduring and successful as that between lyricist Hal David and composer Burt Bacharach. For over four decades, the duo has collaborated on some of the most iconic songs in American popular music, including "What the World Needs Now Is Love," "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," and "That's What Friends Are For."

Their collaboration began in the early 1960s, when David was hired to write lyrics for Bacharach's melodies. The two quickly discovered that they shared a common musical sensibility, and their songs soon became hits. In the years that followed, they wrote songs for a wide range of artists, including Dionne Warwick, Aretha Franklin, and Barbra Streisand. Their songs have also been featured in numerous films and television shows.



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In addition to their work in the music industry, David and Bacharach have also written two books together, "What the World Needs Now Is Love" and "The Look of Love." These books provide a fascinating glimpse into their creative process and offer insights into the lives of two of the most successful songwriters in American history.

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Review

Forty Years of Words and Music is a fascinating and informative book that provides a comprehensive overview of the collaboration between Hal David and Burt Bacharach. The book is written by David and Bacharach themselves, and it offers a unique perspective on their creative process and their lives in the music industry.

The book is divided into two parts. The first part provides a chronological account of David and Bacharach's collaboration, from their early days writing songs for Dionne Warwick to their later work with Barbra Streisand

and other artists. The second part of the book is a collection of essays by David and Bacharach on various aspects of their collaboration, including their songwriting process, their influences, and their thoughts on the music industry.

One of the most striking things about *Forty Years of Words and Music* is the level of detail that David and Bacharach provide. They discuss the genesis of each of their songs, and they offer insights into the creative process that led to their greatest hits. They also share personal anecdotes and stories about their lives in the music industry, and they offer their thoughts on the state of popular music today.

Forty Years of Words and Music is a valuable resource for fans of David and Bacharach's music, and it is also a fascinating read for anyone interested in the history of American popular music. The book is well-written and informative, and it offers a unique perspective on the creative process of two of the most successful songwriters in history.

Analysis

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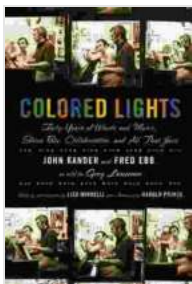
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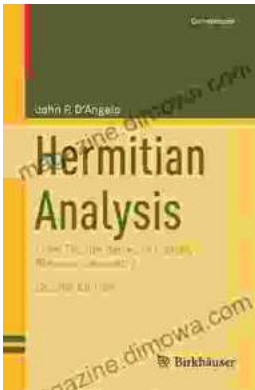
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