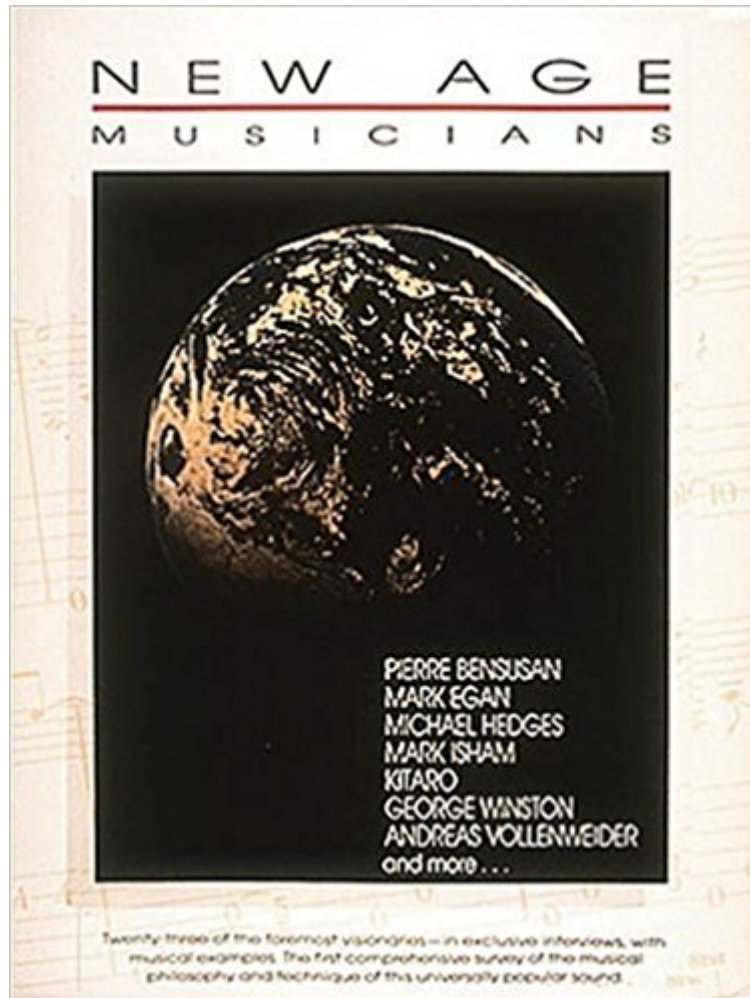




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This book was published in January 1989, at the crest of the "New Age" movement in music; of course, within a few years after this, sales of New Age Music (NAM) dropped (significantly, at about the time that most "New Age" labels started getting more into "smooth jazz" and lost the original "spiritual/inspirational" focus of the music), so this book now inevitably seems more like "nostalgia" than "cutting edge." Still, a lot of the music from those early days (e.g., George Winston, Michael Hedges, Will Ackerman) still sounds pretty darned good today. So, particularly given the fact that you can pick up this book for a bargain price, there are still good reasons to read this book, and its interviews with twenty-three musicians: Philip Aaberg, Will Ackerman, Darol Anger and Mike Marshall, William Aura, Peter Bardens, Pierre Bensusan, Alex de Grassi, Mark Egan, Michael Hedges, Michael Hoenig, Mark Isham, Kitaro, Patrick O'Hearn, David Qualey, Philippe Saisse, Richard Souther, Liz Story, Tangerine Dream, Andreas Vollenweider, George Winston, Yanni, and

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