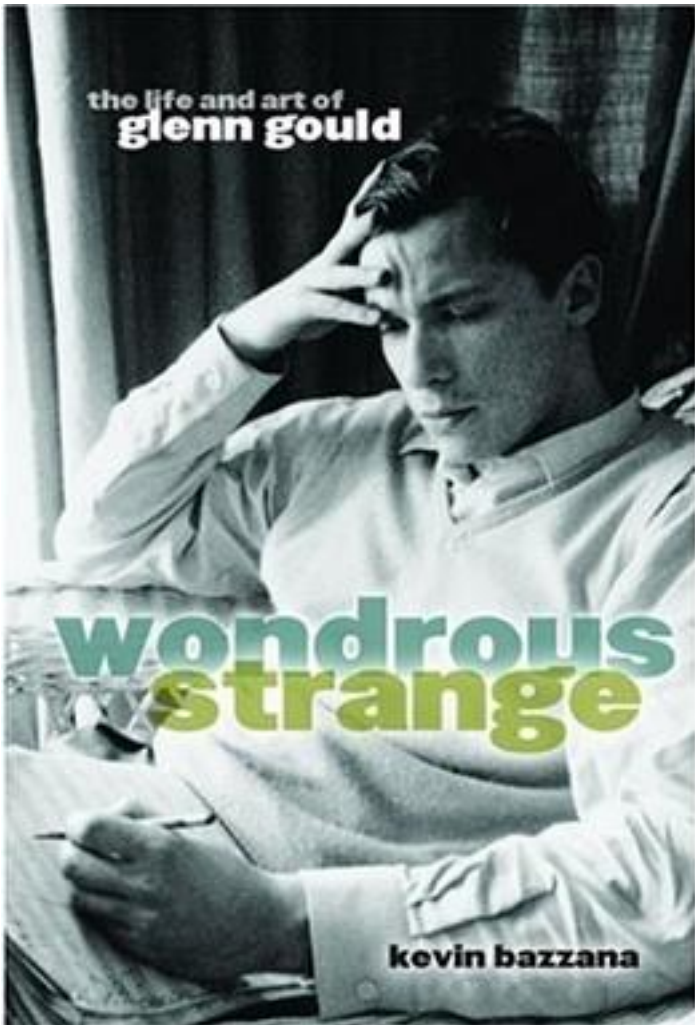


Wondrous Strange



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When Mikhail Baryshnikov defected in Toronto in 1974, he admitted that he knew only

three things about Canada: It had great hockey teams, a lot of wheatfields, and Glenn Gould.

In *Wondrous Strange*, Kevin Bazzana vividly recaptures the life of Glenn Gould, one of the most celebrated pianists of our time. Drawing on twenty years of intensive research, including unrestricted access to Gould's private papers and interviews with scores of friends and colleagues, many of them never interviewed before, Bazzana sheds new light on such topics as Gould's family history, his secretive sexual life, and the mysterious problems that afflicted his hands in his later years. The author places Gould's distinctive traits--his eccentric interpretations, his garish onstage demeanor, his resistance to convention--against the backdrop of his religious, upper- middle-class Canadian childhood, illuminating the influence of Gould's mother as well as the lasting impact of the only piano teacher Gould ever had. Bazzana offers a fresh appreciation of Gould's concert career--his high-profile but illness-plagued international tours, his adventurous work for Canadian music festivals, his musical and legal problems with Steinway & Sons. In 1964, Gould made the extraordinary decision to perform only for records, radio, television, and film, a turning point that the author examines with unprecedented thoroughness (discussing, for example, his far-seeing interest in new recording technology). Here, too, are Gould's interests away from the piano, from his ambitious but failed effort to be a composer to his innovative brand of "contrapuntal radio."

Richly illustrated with rare photographs, *Wondrous Strange* is a superbly written account of one of the most memorable and accomplished musicians of our times.

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评论

很詳盡的古爾德傳記，以年代為序，從被父母寵愛的童年，講到二十五歲時突然成名，再到晚年的孤獨。蘇聯演出那段有趣，上半場只三成觀眾，下半場竟坐滿了，足見俄羅斯真是art lover聚集的地方。古爾德的愛情故事我之前沒聽過，原來他很喜歡晚上給愛人打電話，通常是下半夜，而且一講就是好幾個小時。天，和他談戀愛也不容易。記得某電影裡有句台詞，我們固執地渴望被愛，卻不知如何愛人。這話，竟像是說給古爾德的。

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