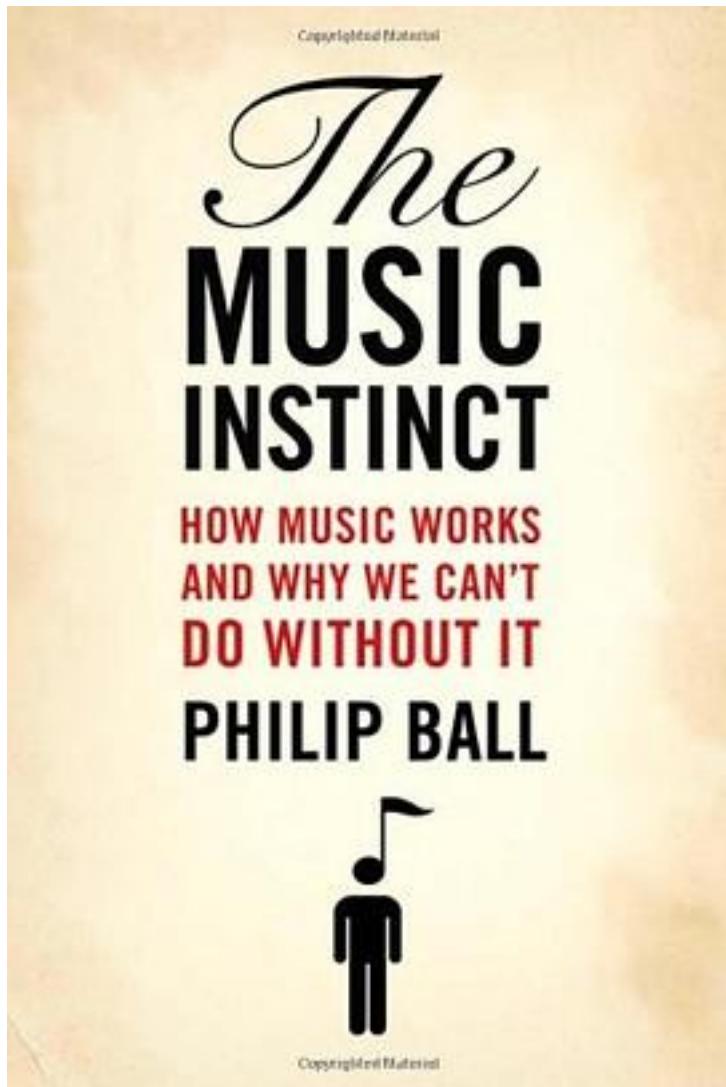


The Music Instinct



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All human cultures seem to make music - today and through history. But why they do so, why music can excite deep passions, and how we make sense of musical sound at all are questions that have, until recently, remained profoundly mysterious. Now in "The Music Instinct" Philip Ball provides the first comprehensive, accessible survey of what is known - and what is still unknown - about how music works its magic, and why, as much as eating and sleeping, it seems indispensable to humanity. Even with what appear to be the simplest of tunes, the brain is performing some astonishing gymnastics: finding patterns and regularities, forming interpretations and expectations that create a sense of aesthetic pleasure. Without requiring any specialist knowledge of music or science, "The Music Instinct" explores how the latest research in music psychology and brain science is piecing together the puzzle of how our minds understand and respond to music. Ranging from Bach fugues to Javanese gamelan, from nursery rhymes to heavy rock, Philip Ball interweaves philosophy, mathematics, history and neurology to reveal why music moves us in so many ways. "The Music Instinct" will not only deepen your appreciation of the music you love, but will also guide you into pastures new, opening a window on music that once seemed alien, dull or daunting. And it offers a passionate plea for the importance of music in education and in everyday life, arguing that, whether we know it or not, we can all claim to be musical experts.

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评论

前几章执着于最基本的什么是音乐，音乐的根本特征，尽量破除西方尤其是欧洲中心主义的影响，也不拘泥雅俗古今，就很难归纳出这些看似显豁无疑的要点。能欣赏音乐并非人天生的素质，不同民族往往也有不同色调的音乐。后面就是不停在讲划分音程的方式、历史传承、民族差异了。数学、音乐、和谐的概念自古至今都是相伴相生的，数学家们为了音律的数学美和理想煞费苦心。作者的意思是，其实不该有定式。到第三章结束才真能读出点东西来了。13章啊，入题写了90页，啰嗦了点，这书本该翻着看的，奈何在手机上怕漏了哪的关键地方。

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