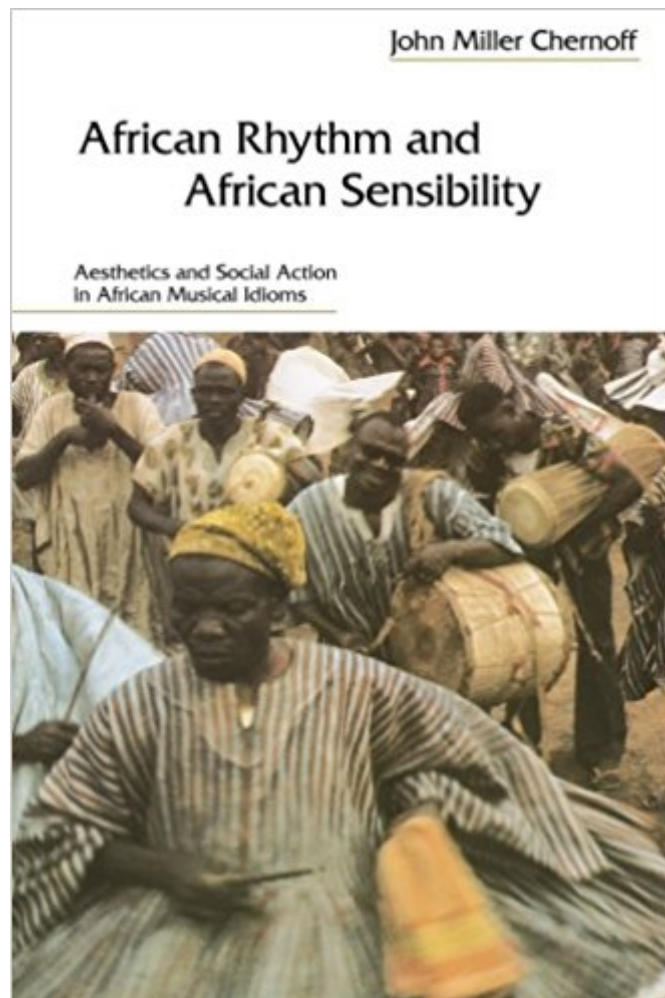




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I first read this wonderful book years ago for a class, but repurchased it now that I'm drumming a bit. Although some aspects might be a little tough going for those unfamiliar with music, it's a fascinating read on many levels, filled with wisdom and beauty. The author spent years learning with master drummers and includes interviews with them along with notations of traditional drum patterns. There are also two CDs which go with the book if you are lucky enough to find them, "Master Drummers of Dagbon", volumes 1 & 2.

Fantastic book, a must read for all musicians and music lovers.

A must read for anyone interested in music. Puts many ideas into perspective, and reminds us that music is much more than "organized sound."

Book came in fantastic condition, no complaints

perfect

I purchased this as a gift for someone studying Jazz in college. He read it over break, and has passed it along to friends, so based on that, I'd recommend this book.

having read just the two first chapters i can say in advance that this book provides a solid explanation on cultural, social musical aspects on African music. among many possibilities those tools can be used to understand western music.

excellent

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