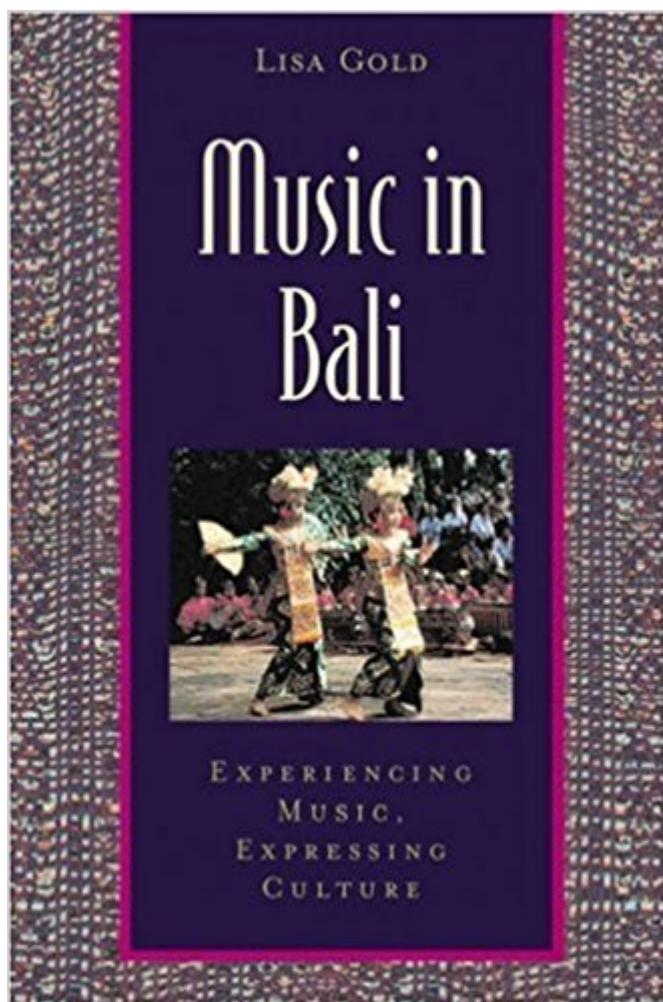


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Music In Bali: Experiencing Music, Expressing Culture Includes CD (Global Music Series)



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Customer Reviews

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I was blown away with how thoroughly this book was put together. The music disc has many examples of Balinese music. The sound is crisp and clear. This book and CD are a gem to have in a collection of world music.

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