



## MOZART RESOURCES

### Books

#### *Mozart*

Author: Marcia Davenport. Editorial: A biography of the 18th-century composer that re-creates the man and his music against the background of the world in which he lived. Publisher: Avon Books. 1991.

#### *Mozart: A Life*

Author: Maynard Solomon. Editorial: Perhaps the most important Mozart biography ever written, this book is subtle, rich-textured, endlessly stimulating and provocative – just like the man's music. Publisher: Harper Perennial. 2005.

#### *Mozart Finds a Melody*

Author: Stephen Costanza. Editorial: In this fictionalized version of how the composer wrote his "Piano Concerto no. 17 in G Major," Mozart is facing a case of writer's block and a looming deadline. Reading Level: Ages 4-8. Publisher: Henry Hold and Co. 2004.

#### *1791: Mozart's Last Year*

Author: H.C. Robbins Landon. Editorial: *Amadeus*, the play and film, popularized the many legends about Mozart's 'decline and fall.' In this factual account of the composer's last year, musicologist Landon gathers authentic contemporary documents to bring us nearer to Mozart and his wife, Constanze, than does fiction, even at its most inspired. Publisher: Thames and Hudson. 1999.

### Films/DVDs

#### *Amadeus*

Actors: F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce. Director: Milos Forman. Editorial: The satirical sensibilities of writer Peter Shaffer and director Milos Forman (*One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*) were ideally matched in this Oscar-winning movie adaptation of Shaffer's hit play about the rivalry between two composers in the court of Austrian Emperor Joseph II--official royal composer Antonio Salieri (F. Murray Abraham), and the younger but superior prodigy Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Tom Hulce). The movie is not historically accurate, but it is entertaining nonetheless. The film's eight Oscars include statuettes for Best Director Forman, Best Actor Abraham (Hulce was also nominated), Best Screenplay, and Best Picture. Language: English. Studio: The Saul Zaentz Company. 1984.

### Museum Websites

#### *Mozarthaus Vienna*

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