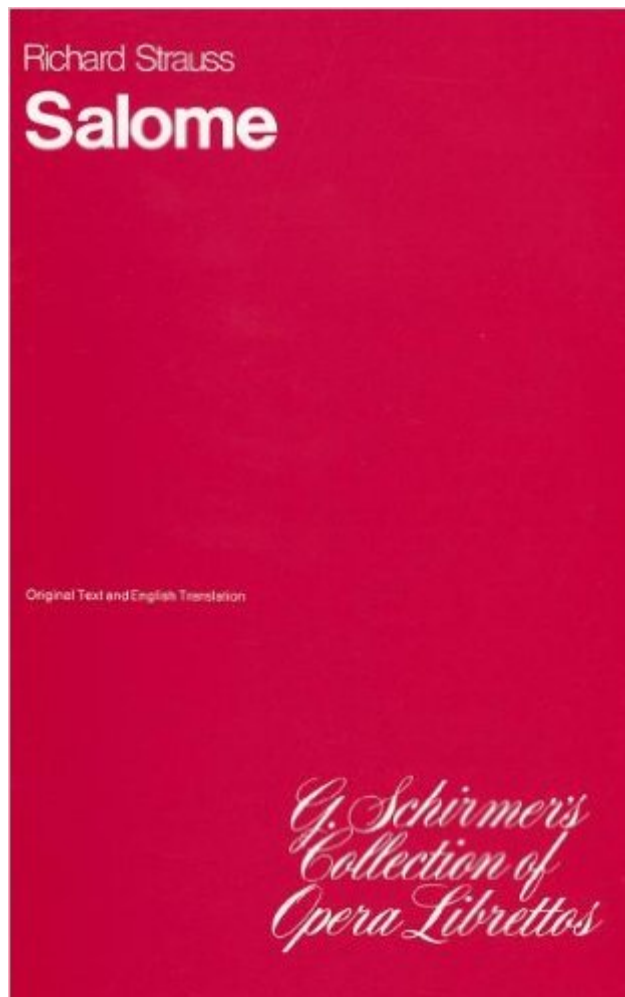


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I recently acquired Strauss' Salome. Note that this is Richard Strauss, not Johann. I am a music nerd, and don't understand German. Therefore before I listened to it I wanted the libretto. I found this libretto to be perfectly accurate. The English translation is great; no awkward passages that were roughly translated or anything like that. There were two typos, but I didn't mind as I could still tell what the word was supposed to be. I thought it maintained the poetry quite well also, though without understanding of German I am not an authority on that subject. The book was small and doesn't take up much space (this is good for me as a college student in a dorm room). If you have a recording of Salome and don't understand German then you need this. If you are going to the Opera

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