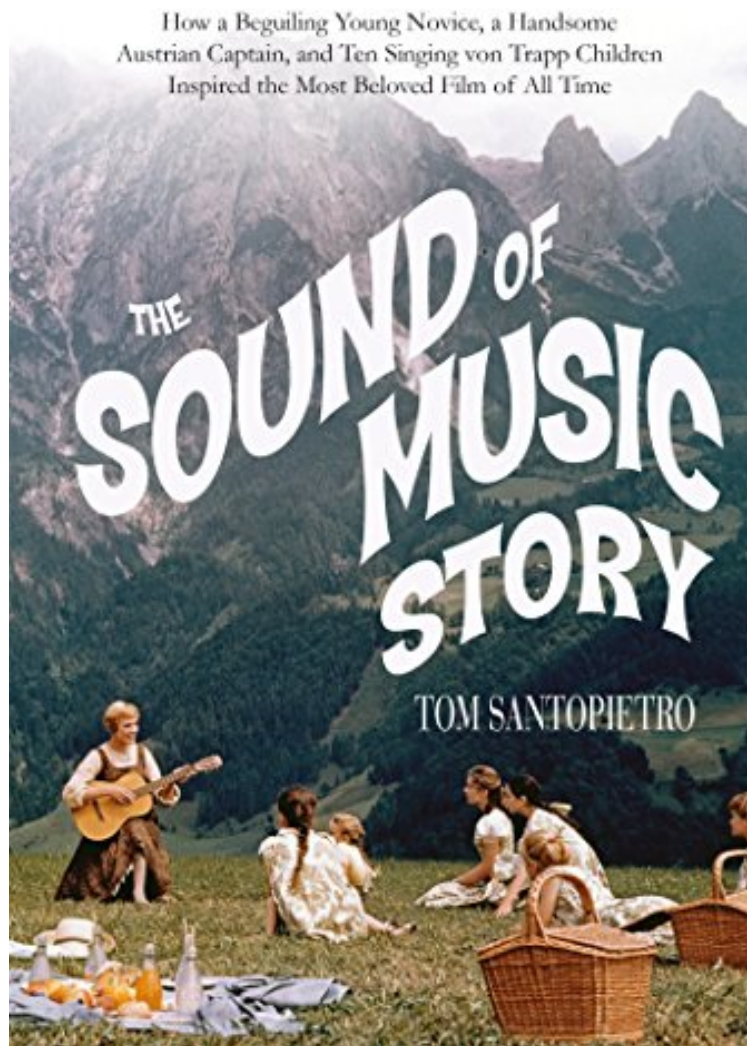


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By Naomi B.  
Synopsis: In 1965, *The Sound of Music* hit the big screens. What is the back story to this long held, classic family favorite that remains popular to this day?  
My rating: 5 Stars  
My opinion: OK, first a disclosure: I am a HUGE *Sound of Music* fan. When I say huge, I mean behemoth huge. I have seen this movie well over 200 times in my 47 years on this earth. I own three copies of the DVD. I have scenes from this movie memorized. I have read almost every book put out on this movie and, I believe, all of the von Trapp family books and it is on my bucket list to visit the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont. I found Mr. Santopietro's book to be incredibly well researched and beyond detailed oriented. I find it easy to say that of all the books on this subject I have read, Santopietro's is easily the best. The book did have periods of dryness or that seemed to drag in over describing occurrences, but those were few and far between and I found that I was able to overlook them with some new things that I had learned. This book would have been 10/5 stars if photos were included. Especially with this book, couldn't figure out why photos weren't included. I will say that a member of Goodreads did comment on my preliminary review that she had purchased a copy and that there were pictures included in her version.  
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By Susanne L. Jewell  
The book has much wonderful information and details about the making of the movie, which I found fascinating. The author does digress now and then but manages to get back on track. However, I was a disappointed in the lack of quality of the book itself. Think of all of those wonderful books about *Downton Abbey*, with lots of color photos, quality pages and details about the period. I feel that Tom Santopietro missed a great opportunity here. As much as everyone loves *The Sound of Music*, this would have been a book that everyone would want to add to their library.  
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By William Higgins  
*The Sound of Music* is my favorite of all movies. This tells the real story very well.

On March 2, 1965, "*The Sound of Music*" was released in the United States and the love affair between moviegoers and the classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical was on. Rarely has a film captured the love and imagination of the moviegoing public in the way that "*The Sound of Music*" did as it blended history, music, Austrian location filming, heartfelt emotion and the yodeling of Julie Andrews into a monster hit. Now, Tom Santopietro has written the ultimate "*Sound of Music*" fan book with all the inside dope from behind the scenes stories of the filming in Austria and Hollywood to new interviews with Johannes von Trapp and others. Santopietro looks back at the real life story of Maria von Trapp, goes on to chronicle the sensational success of the Broadway musical, and recounts the story of the near cancellation of the film when the "*Cleopatra*" bankrupted 20th Century Fox. We all know that Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer played Maria and Captain Von Trapp, but who else had been considered? Tom Santopietro knows and will tell all while providing a historian's critical analysis of the careers of director Robert Wise and screenwriter Ernest Lehman, a look at the critical controversy which greeted the movie, the film's relationship to the turbulent 1960s and the super stardom which engulfed Julie Andrews. Tom Santopietro's "*The Story of 'The Sound of Music'*" is book for everyone who cherishes this American classic.

"For film lovers who enjoy special features such as deleted scenes or director's commentary, lovers of Broadway history, and Rodgers and Hammerstein devotees." *Library Journal* "A celebration of a beloved movie...an enthusiastic close-up of movie history." *Kirkus*  
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