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Piano Lessons: Music, Love, and True Adventures (Paperback)

By Noah Adams

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Language: English . Brand New Book. Piano Lessons is Noah Adams's delightful and moving chronicle of his fifty-second year - a year already filled with long, fast workdays and too little spare time - as he answers at last a lifelong call: to learn to play the piano. The twelve monthly chapters span from January - when after decades of growing affection for keyboard artists and artisans he finally plunges in and buys a piano - through December, when as a surprise Christmas present for his wife he dresses in a tuxedo and, in flickering candlelight, snow falling outside the windows, he attempts their favorite piece of music, a difficult third-year composition he's been struggling with in secret to get to this very moment. Among the up-tempo triumphs and unexpected setbacks, Noah Adams interweaves the rich history and folklore that surround the piano. And along the way, set between the ragtime rhythms and boogie-woogie beats, there are encounters with - and insights from - masters of the keyboard, from Glenn Gould and Leon Fleisher (I was a bit embarrassed, he writes;...

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