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Cello Teachers and advanced cellists: take a new look at your musical purpose.



“A Cello Teacher’s Companion Guide – my life and the cello” by Charles Sugden takes a fresh approach to learning and teaching. This is no ordinary manual, but a journey along several interwoven streams: the author’s life, the instrument’s capacities, the learner’s needs, and what the repertoire serves to illustrate.

Through chapters on musical expression and essential technique, Charles Sugden deals out his gems with personal zest and passion. This comes out of a lifetime of music-making, being taught and teaching others. The examples of great cellists, shared as practical and personal inspiration, add to this rich flavour of enthusiasm. The teacher is always a learner, and the process of discovery on this instrument, the author believes, is something to be savoured and shared.

This book is inspired partly by ‘Cello’ by William Pleeth. However, the biographical element is quite different and the depth of reference to specific repertoire is more thorough and wide-ranging. There is nothing on the e-book market that blends advanced playing with teaching methods for all ages and stages of pupil, like this short account.

Two colleagues in the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, to which the author is honorary chaplain, write:

*‘A most enjoyable and informative introduction to the wonderful world of cello playing. An inspiring and helpful guide for students and teachers alike, told in a very honest and sincere way.’*  
**Jesper Svedberg, principal cello, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.**

*‘For me personally as a long time pro, I found this a very refreshing read. It is a text so full of the love of music and with so much enthusiasm for attaining ever higher things, musically. I found much here that prompted me to think further about some of my teaching methods.’*  
**From the foreword by David Daly, principal double bass, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.**

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