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BOOK REVIEW

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PLAYER PIANO TREASURY, Second Edition by Harvey Roehl, Vestal Press, Vestal, N.Y. 13850. 316 pages — price \$10.



Some years back, the inveterate collector of player pianos, coin-operated players and other mechanical music-making machines, Harvey Roehl, put together an interesting first-edition book on the history of the mechanical music-makers. Its success spurred him to turn out a much larger volume of 8½ x 11" page size, with more information, more pictures, albeit more of everything in this new second edition.

Printed on slick paper and possessing excellent art work, the book has to be the definitive work in its field. There is a history of the development of player pianos and coin-operated machines. There are pages taken from catalogues. Advertisements, trade-journal articles and a sizeable text all contribute to the impressive store of knowledge included in this volume. For those whose hobby is restoration and maintenance of these musical instruments, and for those whose interest is less active, the book will prove educational as well as entertainingly informative. □