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As a retired professional musician (orchestra, professorship, teacher of youngsters, and a jazzer too), I certainly wish I had read this book earlier! Very enlightening. Sachs as usual employs slightly abnormal or above-normal patients to introduce important issues about musical perception,
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