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Dr. Suchoff has given us the tools with which to fashion an approach to the teaching and performance of the Mikrokosmos. Written in a most accessible style, the result is a source book destined to accompany the Mikrokosmos into the future as part of our musical heritage.... (Walter Ehret)

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Among the more notable literary contributions is Benjamin Suchoff's extensive monograph, Mikrokosmos, written with meticulous care and a vast knowledge..... (John Weissmann)

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