

The Universe in 3/4 Time

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When a WW2 piano emerges from the mist one winter's night, who could have imagined what mysteries it would unlock?



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ABOUT THE BOOK

From the damp cobbles of old Brussels to a Black Forest refuge...from Prague's ghostly lanes to the high Pyrenees...

Join three struggling musicians as they head off across Europe to recover a mysterious WW2 piano, a dangerous quest that illuminates not only the fate of the piano's elusive owner, but also lost secrets of their art that stretch back to the time of Pythagoras. *The Universe in 3/4 Time* is a tour de force of suspense, ancient wisdom, and great love forged by war and music.



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