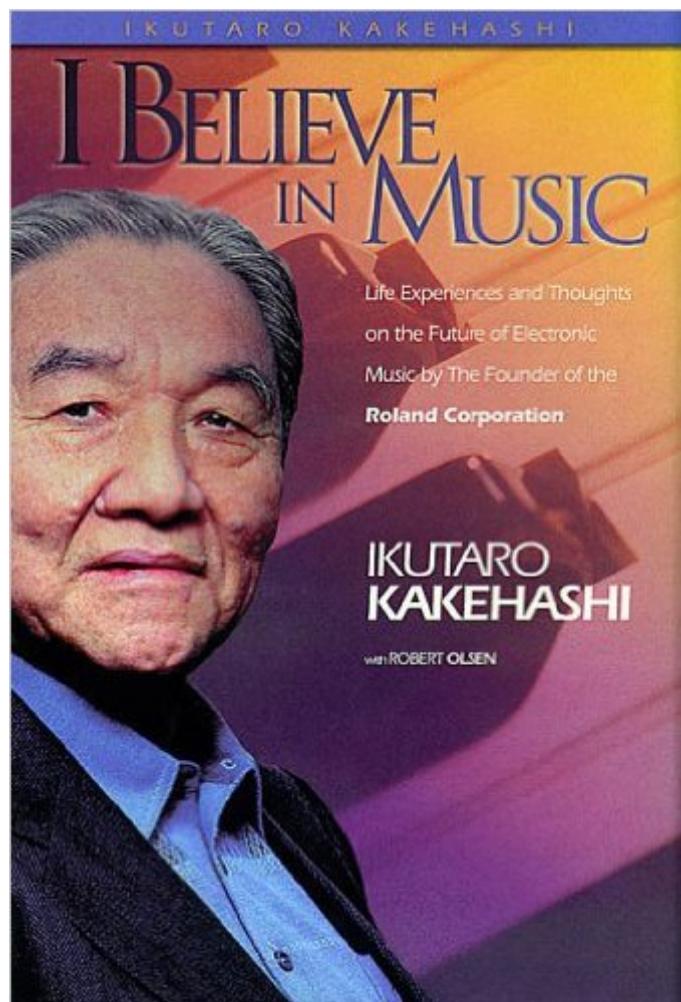


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Synopsis

(Book). Published to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Roland Corporation, this is the inspiring and heartfelt memoir of Ikutaro Kakehashi, a pioneering figure in electronic music instruments and the company's visionary founder. From war-torn Japan to his first watch repair business to the dawn of and subsequent enormous leaps of electronic musical instruments, Kakehashi's story is sometimes wry, sometimes touching, always wise. Through it all, Kakehashi has believed in music above else: his first priority has always been an unwavering passion for expanding the potential for artistic expression. Everyone from music aficionados to those looking for time-tested business savvy will enjoy his unique story. The book features fantastic photos throughout, including an 8-page full-color section. Ikutaro Kakehashi founded the Roland Corporation in 1972. He lives in Hosoe-cho, Hamamatsu City, Japan. Robert Olsen worked for 25 years in the international music trade before switching careers to become a college instructor and free-lance author. He lives in Northbrook, IL.

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Customer Reviews

I am a musician and an entrepreneur and loved this book, a fast-paced and fascinating tale from the entrepreneur that founded Roland. I always assumed they were well funded from the beginning but in fact weren't. They ran the co. on a shoe-string budget and developed some of the music industry's most exciting products. Roland was founded by an industrious young guy that emerged from post war Hiroshima as a watch repairman. After running ACE Music, its clear the author is an

entrepreneur and the story zips along. Read it and then go record on your VS-880, V Drums, D110, yada yada yada

As mentioned in the title, this book is an excellent read for anyone in the audio products industry - Especially those interested in the business management aspect of things. It's very well written and gives a comprehensive view of Mr. Kakehashi's journey from a young self-taught engineer to the veteran CEO with a legacy of innovation and success he became. If you've ever attended a NAMM show and felt at home then you should buy a copy. Enjoy.

This is a well written history of the Roland company that gives you a unique viewpoint into the commercial development of electronic musical instruments in the late 20th century. I was surprised to find that a large portion of the book is devoted to offering guidance for those in the music business. It looks like great advice, and it comes from an extremely successful man, but I skipped a good 100 pages devoted to business structure, management, marketing, etc. that isn't really my focus.

I give this book 5 stars because I think Ikutaro is an amazing person. Even though I've never met him, I hold him in higher esteem than most of the geniuses who use his many products because he survived hell to get where he is today. His writing style is meticulous, and his attention to detail borders on annoying, but that is who he is. In this book minutiae gets equal billing with the profound: he can tell you about the day he signed a million dollar deal or what he had for lunch that same day with equal accuracy. It's both impressive and adorable.

I really enjoyed this book and it was very interesting to learn all about this man and his wonderful company.

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