# The Jazz Ear



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Basically no words to describe. It is filled with knowledge and wisdom I am just pleased to let you know that this is actually the greatest publication i have read within my individual lifestyle and may be he best publication for at any time. (Prof. Ron Gaylord II)

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