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Collected from several sources, these teaching pieces were published separately in the 18th and 19th centuries as the Twelve Short Preludes and the Six Short Preludes. Students are often introduced to these works prior to studying the Two-Part Inventions (Alfred Edition 22528). This unique edition includes the realization of ornaments and guidance concerning tempos and articulation. 48 pages.

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Do not confuse these preludes with those in the 'Das Wohltempiertes Klavier'. These consist of the 12 Kleine Praeludien which Bach probably wrote for his students to practice; seven of which are in the Clavier-Buchlein vor Wilhelm Friedemann Bach. The other Six Short Preludes (first published by Hoffmeister and Kuhnel) are also in this series. The first of the Six Preludes is just so beautiful and simple. The book contains extensive details about fingering and execution of ornamentation and each piece has ornamentation details in note form (lighter printing which is either above the treble cleff or below the bass cleff depending to which it refers). There is also a thematic index for the 12 and 6 short preludes for a quick reference. This is an excellent book in print and details. If you enjoy playing Bach, this book is a must. Contents are somewhat difficult to put together in terms of BWV, so here goes arranging them appropriately: There are no BWV series numbers in this book which can be confusing because the order and prelude numbers are not necessarily exactly based on any
other edition with the same title (except for the 6 little preludes). To enhance the reader's understanding of what is offered in this edition, I researched each prelude from the original sources listed on imslp.org and marked each prelude found in the thematic index according to its actual classification. Twelve Short Preludes:

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