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Customer Reviews

The range of styles here is wide enough to include the old religious chestnut "He" alongside John and Yoko's "Happy Christmas (War Is Over)." There is only one instrumental ("The March of the Toys"). The keys are generally chosen for the convenience of the pianist, but you will find some examples of four sharps or four flats. In this collection, the guitar chord names always come with fingering diagrams. Margins are helpfully large, though sometimes the print is light. There are 72 selections. --William R. Braun

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Ho, Ho, Ho, What a fantastic repertoire of good Christmas Music. I started playing these immediately when it came and the next thing I knew was Frosty and Rudolph, Suzy Snowflake, Santa Claus and Old St. Nick were humming along. Grandma was so delighted with the choice of Christmas songs like Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Deck the Halls, Jingle Bells and others that she got run over by a reindeer which you can also play if you get this great volume from today. Hurry because you'll want to play all of these 72 numbers before Christmas and you'll need Auld Lang Syne for New Years so get it so you can't start Rockin Round the Christmas Tree before the needles fall!

This book has a nice selection of everyone's Christmas favorites, even including such "pop Christmas" songs as Blue Christmas. The arrangements as written are for a somewhat advanced player. Some of the songs are in "advanced" keys, and the bass as arranged is pretty complicated in most of the arrangements. However, even if you can just play the melody along with the listed chords, these songs come out sounding the way you'd expect them too. The music has not been transposed into simpler keys just so every beginner can look at the left side of the staff and be comforted by the presence of no more than one sharp or flat. LOL Even an advanced beginner who knows his chords can find some very enjoyable music to play in this book ... even by sight reading. And if you want to put some real effort into learning the left hand side of the arrangements, you'll be even further rewarded. If you are an advanced or professional player who for some reason still needs a compilation of all the classic hymns and pop Christmas music in one book, you have it here, and in arrangements and keys which will show off your skill to good purpose. (PS, though they aren't written in the music, I play "Blue Christmas" - noted above - with the "Elvis flourishes" - the little stutters he introduced into his singing. For some reason I just can't hear that music without those in there, so I play them as well. LOL) There are sixty-nine pieces of music here, including some that I'm not familiar with, and I'm pretty much of an old pro when it comes to knowing a lot of Christmas songs. Included are a few "seasonal songs" which aren't truly Christmas songs, such as: Auld Lang Syne, Frosty the Snow Man, Home for the Holidays, Let it Snow, My Favorite Things, and Suzy Snowflake. You get a lot of the new "fun" songs that became popular in the mid 1900s: The Chipmunk Song, Grandma got Run Over by a Reindeer, I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, Jingle-Bell Rock, Pretty Paper, The Christmas Song, Santa Baby, Happy Holiday. And of course all the old standards/hymns are there too, including: Angels we have Heard on High, Away in a Manger, Deck the Hall, The First Noel, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, O Holy Night, and MANY more. As I write this in late July, its about time to start brushing up to

play these for Christmas. My mistake is always waiting for Thanksgiving to start doing that, and then I never feel ready by the time Christmas shows up. I'm starting early this year .. I PROMISE!!!

As a piano teacher, I purchased this book for many of my students. It has a very comprehensive list of songs, and is perfect for a student that has a good understanding of how to read music. Most songs are in easy keys, and are fun and easy to learn. Perfect book for Christmas performance pieces- many of my students use this book for recitals and family gatherings for the holiday season. And again, the array of songs is great. This book has everything from religious to funny, old, new... I was really impressed with the amount and variety of music. Excellent purchase!

If you want a guitar book that takes simple songs and re-writes them into the most complicated chord combinations you've ever seen, this book is for you. Want to have chord after chord of things like F#m9? This is the book for you. Christmas songs I already know how to play are re-written in the absolutely most complicated chords I've ever seen. SUCKS

I love this book! I originally borrowed this book to play for an informal sing-along. What a wonderful surprise! It has music written at a level that I could easily play after a few readings, but with arrangements that have interesting chord progressions that sound beautiful. Even The Twelve Days of Christmas wasn't boring to play. This is one that I will use for years to come.

bought this for my granddaughter who loves to sing xmas songs and plays piano, it's a great collection of standards, and 3-4 carols unknown to me overall a good deal glad i got it

I'm learning the piano so this book was very easy to play. I loved the selections that were in the book.

What a great purchase!! I'm picking up the piano, again, and wanted to have some Christmas music to play during the Holiday season. This book is awesome, it has so many great all time favorites. We've had a blast with it, friends and neighbors joined for a play / sing along...complete with piano/vocal/chords - this is now part of an annual tradition. The arrangements are well done, not overly complicated but not so stripped down that it's boring.

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