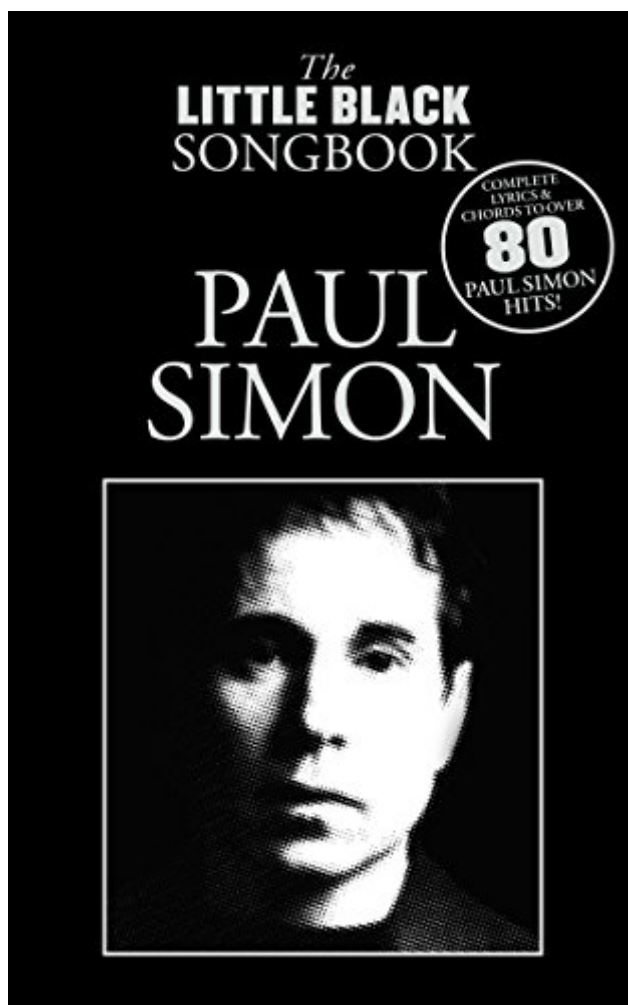




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The Little Black Songbook: Paul Simon



Synopsis

A pocket-sized collection of more than 80 Paul Simon hits presented in chord songbook format. Includes complete lyrics and Guitar chords.

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Customer Reviews

If you've ever looked at one of the tablature books for Paul Simon, you may have noticed that a lot of his songs are incredibly intimidating (at least to novice players such as myself). This book makes his music accessible to the less accomplished guitarist. Each song clearly lists the finger positions for the chords used in the song, and offers advice on tuning (up or down a half-step, etc.) as well as capo positioning. Although some of the songs in here are still very challenging for someone who is most comfortable with only the most basic of chords, improved success will likely motivate you to stretch your range (and your fingers) a bit. I know it has for me. I look forward to seeing if the other chord books in the "Little Black Songbook" series are just as good! The only downside is that the binding isn't very conducive to having the book spread out so you can gawk at it while you try to play.

I have a half dozen of these books in the Little Black Songbook series and I think they are great books. They are accurate (based on comparisons with other sources), generally contain all the songs for the artist in question, and they provide accurate chord diagrams for the chords used in the songs (this is important, as we all know chords can have multiple voicings). In most of these books the chords are shown on the same page(s) as the song itself. The books are also a convenient size, and with the way they are bound it is easy to make the book lay flat on a music stand so that you can see both facing pages easily. One thing I don't like about the books is that they don't always indicate clearly the number of measures to play each chord, so you sometimes have to know the song to get it right. And with respect to the Bob Dylan book in particular, it does NOT show the chord diagrams on the same page as the song, but rather groups them all together in a fold out at the back of the book. All the other Little Black Songbooks that I own (like this Paul Simon book) put the chords on the same page as the song, which is way more convenient and important for getting the correct chord voicing.

For those who wants to play the vast Paul Simon's work this book is for you. All songs and chords are clearly listed including the tough ones. The keys of the songs are true to those on the records and although i missed some songs the book covers almost the totallity of Simon's work as a composer. My only complaint: This book should have spiral binding for an easier handling.

Great selection of songs and pictorial chords. My only complaint is that the print size is very small. It makes it hard to lay the book on a table and try to play guitar at the same time.

A great little book with all the right chords and words. Thanks Paul.

If you're a Paul Simon fan and want an easy guitar reference to his tunes then this book is for you. Compact, easy to read, detailed. Glad I purchased it. First day it arrived I about wore out the binding. Fun.

Excellent songbook. Perfect for my ability. Easy to throw in a bag and take with you anywhere.

The book is quite nice overall, but I was hoping there would be a page showing the special fingering on some of the chords Paul Simon used. This book is more for the beginner to intermediate musician who only knows the basic major, minor, minor 7, etc. chords.

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