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The Best Songs Ever



Synopsis

The 8th edition of this best seller includes 72 hits: Crazy Â Edelweiss Â Georgia on My Mind Â Imagine Â Moon River Â Time in a Bottle Â Unforgettable Â The Way We Were Â and dozens more!

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Nice intermediate level song arrangements, good stuff. A reviewer named Dalton Blue has posted a list of songs in the book. I'm not sure what edition that was for, but the song list changes slightly from edition to edition, so I'm posting the song list from the 8th edition, ISBN 978-0-7935-0445-9. I've just entered the song titles, but the entries from Dalton Blue often have additional information, such as composer, style, play or movie etc. (I'm simply too lazy to do that myself). All I Ask of YouAll the Things You Are Almost Like Being in Love Always Irvin BerlinAt Last Bewitched Blue Skies Body and Soul Show Ballad John Green/Edward Heyman & Robert Sour/ Call Me Irresponsible Papa's Delicate Condition, Parmount Can't Help Falling in LoveCandle in The Wind Chariots of Fire

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I have the "Best Songs Ever"/Piano-Vocal-Guitar song book 8th edition. The print is a little smaller
 because of the format and it takes some getting used to reading because of having a Treble Staff
 along with a Grand Staff for each set of measures. I'm at a beginning intermediate to middle
 intermediate playing level, having started playing 2 1/2 yrs. ago at the age of 61 teaching myself to

read music and watching "YouTube", so these songs will be a bit more challenging to learn for me, but there are so many great songs in this book that I'm looking forward to learning them. In my humble opinion, there's more satisfaction in any endeavor when you challenge yourself and finally succeed rather than it being too easy. And having learned to play more than a few intermediate level songs, they sound so much better even though it took more time and effort because of having more flats, sharps, left hand notes and movements. But it's well worth the effort. As my wife remarked to me the other day, "your songs are sounding more mature". That's all the motivation I needed to keep growing with my piano playing. Make sure though, you get the right "Best Songs Ever" songbook that's right for your playing level because there are several editions with the same cover and pretty much the same songs but at different skill levels. I hope this review helps anyone who sees it. Michael R.

Great collection of old favorites. Nice intermediate arrangements, and has words for singing and chords for guitar. Very comprehensive music and my son is very pleased with this book. Great book to have to pull out for singalongs or just to increase your repertoire of favorites.

Good older songs. some a little hard to play for a person with only 3 years of lessons many years ago.

I was a bit disappointed. I was searching for music more suitable for a beginner. It will be awhile before I can play these.

Not as thrilled as I thought I would be.

The book's so darned big that it keeps flopping over on my keyboard, and even when it's upright it's near-impossible to turn the pages. Why don't they make these things with spiral binding? I do like the music and the arrangements. They seem tailored to an early intermediate like me.

Great song book. Music is at intermediate level. You get plenty of songs to play, however a lot of songs I do not recognize, particular the Broadway pieces.

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