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Rolling Stone Easy Piano Sheet Music Classics, Vol 2: 34 Selections From The 500 Greatest Songs Of All Time (Rolling Stone(R) Easy Piano Sheet Music Classics)



Synopsis

Thirty-four of the best songs, all chosen from Rolling Stone magazine's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time list. Fingering, lyrics, and chord symbols are included in these easy piano arrangements by Dan Coates. Titles: All I Have to Do Is Dream (The Everly Brothers) * Billie Jean (Michael Jackson) * Blueberry Hill (Fats Domino) * Born to Run (Bruce Springsteen) * The Boxer (Simon and Garfunkel) * Desperado (Eagles) * Earth Angel (The Penguins) * Fake Plastic Trees (Radiohead) * Great Balls of Fire (Jerry Lee Lewis) * I Can See for Miles (The Who) * I Got You Babe (Sonny and Cher) * I Wanna Be Sedated (Ramones) * I Want to Hold Your Hand (The Beatles) * In My Room (The Beach Boys) * Knocking on Heaven's Door (Bob Dylan) * Like a Rolling Stone (Bob Dylan) * Love Me Tender (Elvis Presley) * Maggie May (Rod Stewart) * O-o-h Child (The Five Stairsteps) * Paint It, Black (The Rolling Stones) * People Get Ready (The Impressions) * (We're Gonna) Rock Around the Clock (Bill Haley and His Comets) * Sail Away (Randy Newman) * Save the Last Dance for Me (The Drifters) * Sh-Boom (The Chords) * The Sound of Silence (Simon and Garfunkel) * Stairway to Heaven (Led Zeppelin) * Stand by Me (Ben E. King) * Stayin' Alive (Bee Gees) * Wake Up Little Susie (The Everly Brothers) * The Weight (The Band) * White Room (Cream) * A Whiter Shade of Pale (Procol Harum) * Will You Love Me Tomorrow (The Shirelles).

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Customer Reviews

Honestly, if I can play piano with this easy book version of popular favorites then anyone can. I

suppose I'll reiterate what everyone said when I was reading reviews about this piano book before I bought it, and that is there are not 500 songs in the book. There are 34 songs, and though that's not many I jumped on it for an opportunity to play "Stairway to Heaven" and found I've been playing numerous other favorites like "Stand by Me" and "The Sound of Silence" with equal enthusiasm. Granted this is relatively easy material to play since I haven't touched a piano in over 50 years, so to be able to jump right in there and start strumming wonderful harmonies with some very simple backup chords tells you this is something pretty much anyone, children included, could have a lot of fun with. My only complaint is the book is so tightly bound that to get it to stay open while playing can be the biggest challenge of all. I finally tore all the pages out, got a three-ring binder, hole punched everything and popped it into the binder. Now I can flip pages with nary a problem. Nice variety of songs as well. I really feel this should be a four and a half star review as the binder issue is not such a big deal that it's worth the loss of an entire star. Some of the other songs included; All I Have to Do is Dream, Billie Jean, Blueberry Hill, Born to Run, The Boxer, Desperado (can't wait to tackle this one), Earth Angel, Fake Plastic Trees, Great Balls of Fire, I Can See for Miles, I Got You Babe, I Wanna Be Sedated, I Want to Hold Your Hand, In My Room, Knocking on Heaven's Door, Like a Rolling Stone, Love Me Tender, Maggie May, O-o-h Child, Paint It Black, People Get Ready, Rock Around the Clock, Sail Away, Save the Last Dance for Me, Sh-Boom, Stayin' Alive, Wake Up Little Susie, The Weight, White Room, A Whiter Shade of Pale, and Will You Love Me Tomorrow. Overall a great mix of music with lots of choices. This is great sing-a-long stuff, too.

I haven't been able to use this sheet music volume because it slaps shut while on the piano. My solution is to take it to a copy shop and have the binding cut off and have it rebound with a spiral piece so it will lie flat when open. I don't understand why it would be published in its current format. Sorry I can't comment on the arrangements.

I purchased this and volume I to play and sing with friends when we get together. The arrangements are painfully easy (as in the treble is the melody exclusively); I would not buy this unless you are quite new to piano or like to improvise. Most of the songs are so watered down that they are no longer very fun to play or sing. Also, the binding is TERRIBLE. You have to practically break the book in half to get it to stay open, even my music clip wasn't helping very much. The plus side is you can sightread all of these songs perfectly, so you don't need to worry about running through them ahead of time.

For an advanced beginner, this (and Volume 1, which I also have) is a terrific collection of songs. The selections in this volume are fantastic, covering a wide range of rock history with some absolute classics. I'm a self-taught beginner, and I was looking for a piano book that would challenge me to play both hands without getting lost in more complicated keys. These books have turned out to be a great exercise - not five-finger easy, but not so complex that it takes days just to figure out how to play it. They're easy piano. For a more experienced pianist, I suspect they'd be too easy, as some other reviewers have suggested. But for us casual types that like to plink around and get something for our efforts, it's ideal. I agree with other reviewers that the binding is a problem. It is hard to keep the book open, and I wish there was a spiral bound option or something similar. This is my only real complaint and the only reason I don't give it five stars.

The cover here is VERY deceptive. Quickly browsing for top-40-pop songbooks with as many tunes in each as possible, I assumed that this book (and the other volume) contained 500 songs. It was only after receiving these books that one might notice that in VERY SMALL print, there exists a tiny preamble to the enormous eye-filling "500 GREATEST SONGS OF ALL TIME," and it reads: "34 selections from the "buyer beware i guess. and rolling stone - go to h. e. double luncheon hockey sticks

I am a beginner piano player, and I chose this book because it had a lot of oldies that I really like. It has a great variety of songs, and the notes aren't too hard to play. I gave this one four stars simply because of the binding. It should really be spiral bound for convenience when playing the piano. I did take my book and have it spiral bound at Office Max for about \$3.50, so that is always an option.

The music is very easy to read and follow. I appreciate Hal Leonard for publishing these books as my level of playing ability is not like that of a concert pianist! I'm happy to be able to play many songs successfully at my level and love it!

I am a Level 3 adult piano player. If you want to play them correctly, the arrangements are sufficiently challenging. It takes me several weeks to get a song down and some arrangements are definitely more challenging than others. I wouldn't recommend the book to someone much more advanced than me, although I assume said piano players can improvise. Overall, I thank Dan Coates for putting these arrangements together and allow me to enjoy re-learning piano.

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