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120 Best Known Christmas Songs: Piano/Vocal/Guitar



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Customer Reviews

I will first say that i am partly at fault for this unsuccessful purchase. I bought this book blindly because wasn't able to see the table of contents to view the song list. Nor did .com list the songs available in this book. I figured that with "120 best known Christmas songs", how could any of the common popular songs be left out. Well, if you're looking for Frosty the Snowman, Silver Bells, The Little Drummer Boy, Here Comes Santa Claus, Jingle Bell Rock, Sleigh Ride, The Christmas Song (chestnuts roasting..), and some other REALLY well-known songs, DON'T LOOK HERE CUZ THEY AINT HERE. But songs like, "The Boar's head Carol", "The Friendly Beasts", "Pat-a-Pan", "Wassail Wassail", and "Bring a torch Jeannette, Isabella" are all here if you want them. I would not list these songs and more VERY obscure songs as "best known" at all. So be warned.

I have been playing the piano for 6 years now and I did not own a Christmas Song book! I bought this book and was shocked by its quality for kids my age to be able to read and play the music well. This book is Wonderful and I would recommend it to everyone who loves to play.

Love the arrangements, and the number of songs for the money is fabulous! Wish that it was spiral bound, though. The book is fairly stiff and does not want to stay open. You have to work the spine to keep the pages from flipping while you play. Still, once the book has been thoroughly broken in it won't be a problem. And again, great arrangements on all of the many songs, especially for the price!

What to say about this one...At the beginning of this collection I was extremely pleased. Everything is written in a very easy to read while playing format. This is a collection very reminiscent of older arrangements of music, almost like a fake book. I especially like this because when you are sight reading or playing a long time, just turning pages, it is good to have a book that makes sense for the professional player. I also like that the words are included, and even verses which do not make it into other arrangements. As I often sing while playing, this is very convenient. Now, that was the first half of the book. The second half of the book seems as though the publisher just quit trying. The selections chosen are either obscure or resemble common funeral repertoire than Christmas. And the handy one song per page or two line up is lost. This is especially noted in annoyance when traditional Christmas hymns which should be easy to put on one page are divided by page turns, which as any player knows is not useful at all, due to the repeats in said hymns. Also the a large handful of the keys are pitched quite high, which is fine for me and any professional soprano or tenor, but might be an issue if attempting to use this collection to lead in Christmas Caroling events or later at night when most vocal registers drop. I enjoyed the keys chosen, but again in a non-professional player this might be a deal breaker as many flats and sharps (and original keys- yeah!) are included. Lastly I will say that the pros of this collection outweigh the cons, and it is useful to me. It also contains the obscure in collection form "All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth", which is why I purchased it in the first place. And note, It is a bit cheaply made on very thin paper, and does not lie open well. Make sure you have large clips on hand to keep things in place while playing.

This book has a nice variety of Christmas favorites and a good mix of songs that are easy to sight read for intermediate players and others that require a little more time and effort. A great buy for such a big book of songs!

I started playing the piano again after so many years and wanted a book for the holidays. This one is great. It has all the Christmas music. I used to have two or three books just for the holidays, now I

have one. Great book!

This collection is excellent. I have been working on the piano myself for several years and am finally up to this level of playing--there are many classics and, yes, some that I didn't know. But the fun is being able to play and enjoy them all over again. A great book matched by its great price!!

Although this book contains some known Christmas standards, most of the songs in this book I have never heard of before. I have sung all my life and if I haven't heard of them, they are obscure. Now, some I have heard of but they are not songs that you could gather around and sing together. No one would know the songs or the words. Pass this one up.

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