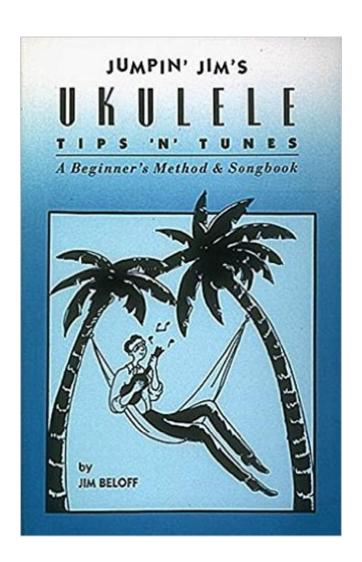
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This book has much in common with other Jumpin' Jim songbooks. Like other books in the series, songs are presented with the melody line, lyrics, and chords, with the intention being that you'll strum and sing. There are fun photos and historical notes scattered throughout the book. Unlike other books in the series, Ukulele Tips 'n' Tricks is augmented with instruction for beginners, which makes it both a method book and song book. The book begins with a brief introduction to the ukulele and music notation. Beloff gives a basic description of the parts of the instrument, holding the uke, forming chords, strumming, and how to read staff notation. All this takes about eight pages; it's not a deep treatment, but should be enough to get started. Following this introductory material,

the book proceeds with a series of twenty-nine songs. The songs are organized to gradually introduce new chords, keys, and strumming patterns. Each song is accompanied by minimal text explaining what's new. By going through the songs in sequence, each song introduces only a small amount of new material. The author does warn about potential difficulties, such as the Bb chord being difficult for many to learn. The book is focused on strumming and singing along. There is no attempt to teach melody play. Physically, the book is compact and well constructed. The page design is clean and easy to read. A real plus is the layout of the book: it is never necessary to turn the page in the middle of a song. A nice touch is the use of "parenthetical chords". Some chords are shown in parentheses, indicating that they are optional. When they are ignored, you have a simple arrangement with fewer, simpler chords.

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