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Treasury Of Great Show Tunes: A Reader's Digest Songbook





Synopsis

This outstanding hardcover collection features 91 all-time gems by this century's most famous musical composers. The arrangements by Dan Fox were designed to be easy to play while remaining musically interesting and artistically gratifying, and work with treble clef instruments, "C" instruments, guitars, and organs. Each song comes complete with an introduction that gives important and enlightening notes on the song's origins. Songs include: All the Things You Are * Anything Goes * Give My Regards to Broadway * Look for the Silver Lining * Maria * Night and Day * One * Sunrise, Sunset * Tomorrow * and more. Also comes with a separate lyric book, perfect for singalongs around the piano!

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Customer Reviews

A good collection of songs, but what makes this collection really shine are the arrangements. Non-standard, gorgeous chord sequences, rhythmic interest, but still reasonably easy to play. And fun to sing along with.My favorite songbook for sight-reading practice.

First of all to put things in context, I am about an intermediate to advanced player, a music major about 30 years ago in my college days and still play in several bands on other instruments, but just an average sight reader on piano. I really like show tunes and I thought they would be a good vehicle to improve my sight reading. I have several books of the Reader's Digest series and some of them have show tunes and jazz standards so i thought this book would just be a repeat of those arrangements, but they are not. This book has arrangements that are more professional sounding with more and better chord substitutions, intros and endings than the other books, so I would classify these arrangements as slightly more advanced than the arrangements than in the other Readers Digest books. But to put put it into context, these arrangments are not as advanced as say in the Advanced Piano solos book by Tom Roed, which by the way are great. I would buy this book.

I love all of the Readers' Digest music books. They sit well on the piano. The hard covers and wire binding are great. The arrangements are fun, sound great and are not too difficult to play. And you get a lot of wonderful tunes with a bit of history for each at a terrific price. Copying songs on the internet costs \$4-\$6 each. What a deal!

I use these books to play my clarinet and join pianists and singers. (I'm not allowed to sing...) I write in the Bb transposition on top of the notes with words, and play. There isn't a lot of overlap with the other books.

I love these Reader's Digest books. They are easy to play, they sound beautifully written and they have gone on to playing what they want to play. These books give encouragement to my students and to my children. I'm so glad I purchased these books. I have a large stack of them beside my piano and a stack on my piano. Wonderful, educational and great sounding lyrics!

So happy with this purchase! Awesome interesting arrangements by Dan Fox, now 81 and leading his jazz band playing 20s and 30s jazz . 90 famous songs with great chord progressions, interesting rhythms, and embellishments. Not too easy and not too hard.Enough good music with exciting arrangements to keep you interested for a long, long time. It's fun to see where one of his chord progressions will lead you. Some of these songs I'd forgotten about and playing them again is like finding old friends, I stumbled on to my first Readers Digest songbook, arranged by Dan Fox, at a garage sale a few months ago. I've enjoyed his arrangements so much I looked for them here at and was elated to find more. Though listed as "good condition" they seem like new.

Another great piano book for a former player that isn't too difficult, but still reasonably challenging. I like being able to see the table of contents, & an example of the arrangements to determine their difficulty.

The seller was great, the book arrived timely and in excellent condition. I was a little disappointed in

the contents within the book, but that was my fault; not that of the seller. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this seller to a friend.

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