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Billy Joel - Greatest Hits, Volumes 1 And 2



Synopsis

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook). A great collection of 21 huge hits from this pop superstar: Allentown * Big Shot * Don't Ask Me Why * It's Still Rock and Roll to Me * Just the Way You Are * The Longest Time * Movin' Out (Anthony's Song) * My Life * New York State of Mind * Only the Good Die Young * Piano Man * Pressure * She's Always a Woman * Tell Her About It * Uptown Girl * You May Be Right * You're Only Human * more.

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Customer Reviews

This book gives you an easy way to play his songs. If you want to play just the simple tunes to the songs then get this book. For those who want the actual transcriptions that you hear on his cds, go for the billy joel keyboard book.

Billy's music is so complex, this book is useless, unless you are looking just to know the chords or melody of the song. If you wanna be able to actually play the real songs, go for the Authentic Transcription book.

This book does an exceptional job of capturing a few of Billy Joel's songs into one instrument. Only for a few songs is this a good book, however. Do not buy this book for the more piano-geared songs like "My Life", "Allentown", or "Piano Man". Those songs should be played from the real transcription from the Billy Joel Keyboard book, unless you hate singing. Here is the positive stuff about this book:

"Goodnight Saigon" - an amazing song, one of my favorite. This book does a great job on it. And it's easy to add little extra strikes to the chords to simulate the guitar strokes. "Uptown Girl", "Only the Good Die Young", and "The Longest Time" - great songs that are written well for this book. Albeit, I have to say referring to "The Longest Time" everything's great except I think the first 3 notes should be C-D-C, not C-C-Bb. Overall, this book is good for true Billy Joel fans that haven't figured out all of his songs by now, and also Billy Joel fans that would rather play all of his music without having to do any singing.

I'm so glad I purchased this. I was looking for "Goodnight Saigon," and this songbook had it. I used to be a very big Billy Joel fan (not so much these days), but purchased this for sentimental reasons as I used to have all his songbooks back in the day. He's still a American rock legend, obviously, and is an excellent songwriter. His band was one of the best, and his concerts were always the best that he could give. A++++++!

My son and husband are both enjoying the book. They say it is NOT easy, but I remind them Billy Joel is a professional piano player, they will have to practice ;-) The songs do sound like they are supposed to sound, so that is good.

Not sure if Billy had a hand in the song selection, but it was obviously intended to accompany the co-released greatest hits album(s), containing some songs that just aren't up to scratch in comparison with others it left out. SCENES FROM A ITALIAN RESTAURANT is missing. I need make no more points.

Bought this book for my Mom who plays piano and always wants me to sing along. It would really be better if these publications were in the black spiral binding so that they stay on the right page better. Most of the songs require a lot of page flipping too but that's pretty standard. Great music.

Great songs for a unique american composer. His music has some elements of classic Beethoven and Gershwin. Good transcriptions of the piano parts. I didn't give the 5 stars because in "Piano Man" and "New York State of Mind" they missed the piano intro, but is a good book to practice some classics of the 70's and 80's.

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