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Banjo Songs Book (with 2 Audio CDs)





Synopsis

The Banjo Songs Book, a follow-up to the Banjo Primer, contains 96 breaks to 30 bluegrass standard songs the way the pros play them. It helps the intermediate student quickly play with power, accent, and improved timing. It also includes lots of "up the neck" breaks. The book features tabs for each song and the 2 audio CDs contain all of the music in the book played at two or more speeds. Songs include Amazing Grace, Cripple Creek, Blackberry Blossum, Will The Circle Be Unbroken, Wildwood Flower, Old Joe Clark, Nine Pound Hammer, When The Saints Go Marching In, Red Haired Boy, and others.

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Customer Reviews

Geoff Hohwald has played and taught the banjo for more than forty years. He originally studied with the likes of John Hickman and Robbie Robinson and later came under the influence of other legendary performers such as Earl Scruggs, Bill Keith, J.D. Crowe and Sonny Osborne. Geoff wrote his first instructional book in 1979, and since then he and Bert Casey have sold almost 900,000 books and videos worldwide. Geoff spent thirty years and traveled thousands of miles in a quest for the licks that capture the true essence of bluegrass banjo. For the first time he has compiled the results of a lifetime of listening, searching, analyzing, and refining in a single edition. He would like to thank Billy McKinley, Sandy Rothman, Herb Trotman, Ted Billeadeaux, Tom Dew, Mike Mason, Judge Parker, Kerry Warbington, Joe Zalik, and Harry Sparks for their contributions to this book. Geoff has also written the Banjo Primer book and video course.

If you are a fresh beginning banjo player, this book is not what you need to progress; check out Geoff Hohwald's Banjo Primer book. If you are an advanced beginner or an intermediate player, this book is perfect. It contains accessible tab that will make you sound like a pro! I primarily practice from this book, and my banjo teacher thinks the tab is well arranged too, and he's been playing for forty years or more. The accompanying two CDs are of good sound quality; songs are recorded at a slow speed, around 50 beats per minute, and at a fast speed, around 120 beats per minute. Overall, this book contains songs that are enjoyable and varied, the perfect thing for those who want to progress!

What sets this apart is that you can hear the songs that appear in the book. My playing doesn't sound anything like what's on the CDs, but at least I know what I'm trying for. And I'll know when I get there.

Clear instructions. Great teaching method! Highly recommend.

Lots of great songs in this book. I'm working through Hohwald's Banjo Primer book now, and this book of additional songs should keep me busy far beyond the primer.

Loved it. Good book for advanced players

A good start for more advanced player, would have given five stars if it included fingering for the left hand on the tab. Would recommend to all those who can not afford lessons but still want to be challenged.

love it

Nice Banjo book to learn with. You can not learn over nightso it takes time day after day :-)get one you will love it. Nice songs with the book too

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