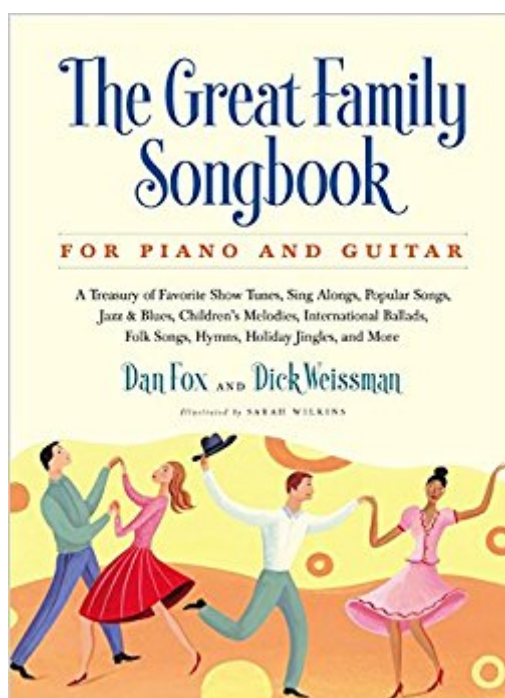


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Great Family Songbook: A Treasury Of Favorite Show Tunes, Sing Alongs, Popular Songs, Jazz & Blues, Children's Melodies, International Ballads, Folk ... Jingles, And More For Piano And Guitar



Synopsis

A one-of-a-kind collection of the songs you love to play and sing, including music and chords for piano and guitar. Now in a new paperback format with a lay-flat, wire-o binding. Hours of family fun and entertainment featuring 100 carefully selected songs from every era and for every occasion, from "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" and "Clementine," to "Amazing Grace" and "Simple Gifts." Charmingly illustrated with four-color drawings throughout

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Customer Reviews

This treasury is exactly what I was looking for when I began searching for an accompaniment sing a long book to use with my kids. It has almost every song I wanted, and plenty more I wouldn't have even thought of. The book itself is high quality - heavy card stock pages, spiral bound, beautiful pictures and clear typeset. The arrangements are easy to read and the lyrics are a decent size for most eyes. Each song has a paragraph of history/explanation at the top and these are filled with gems in and of themselves. The quality of the musical arrangements is also top notch - they are simple enough for most pianists to play without much rehearsal (early intermediate in difficulty) but written in such a way that the greater mood of the song is really captured. The harmonies are well selected to deliver maximum musical impact with minimal difficulty. Almost all of these songs are set in very easy keys as well, which is a bonus for sight reading without much preparation. My only criticisms, and they are small, are that there are no suggested fingerings on any of these pieces and that some verses are missing from a few of the songs. With the fingerings, it would do any pianist well to go through the songs before playing and write in a few - a lack of fingerings can

unnecessarily stumble sight readers. With the missing verses, all the most popular refrains are represented and most pieces are complete as written (to the best of my knowledge) so this quibble is minor. If I really want the fifth verse of random-patriotic-anthem, I can pull it up on Google easily enough and just play another repeat of the score. For families who want to spend some time singing old favorites together, to charity playing in nursing homes or even as a supplement to a homeschool unit on a historical event, "The Great Family Songbook" is a phenomenal addition to any sheet music library. Our family will be enjoying this for many years to come!

I haven't seen this book of sheet music, so I can't evaluate it--that's why I'm giving 3 stars--but here is its table of contents, thanks to the library at stonybrook.edu. Table of Contents: American patriotic songs. Battle hymn of the republic ; The caisson song (The caissons go rolling along) ; The star-spangled banner ; Dixie ; America, the beautiful ; Yankee Doodle ; When Johnny comes marching home ; Anchors aweigh ; You're a grand old flag ; Over there ; Marines' hymn ; This land is your land ; America (My country 'tis of thee) Western, cowboy, & hoedown songs. Red River Valley ; Buffalo gals ; The farmer is the man ; Git along little dogies ; The old Chisholm trail ; Home on the range ; Oh! Susanna ; Sweet Betsy from Pike ; She'll be comin' round the mountain ; Clementine ; Turkey in the straw ; Jesse James Children's songs. Hush little baby ; Twinkle, twinkle, little star ; The wheels on the bus ; This old man ; Old MacDonald ; Eency weency spider ; B-I-N-G-O ; All the pretty little horses ; If you're happy and you know it ; The noble Duke of York ; Skip to my Lou ; Brahms's lullaby Blues, jazz, & ragtime. Careless love ; Alexander's ragtime band ; House of the rising sun ; Bill Bailey ; Frankie and Johnny ; St. Louis blues ; Pretty baby ; Swanee ; Put your arms around me, honey ; Lonesome road Film & show tunes. Meet me in St. Louis ; Give my regards to Broadway ; The aba daba honeymoon ; Ain't we got fun ; Look for the silver lining ; Alice blue gown ; I'm just wild about Harry ; For me and my gal ; As time goes by ; When Irish eyes are smiling ; You made me love you Barbershop & sing-along songs. After the ball ; A bicycle built for two (Daisy Bell) ; The band played on ; By the light of the silvery moon ; Carry me back to old Virginny ; Paper doll ; Moonlight Bay ; In the good old summertime ; My bonnie lies over the ocean ; Down by the old mill stream ; Sweet Adeline ; When you were sweet sixteen ; Take me out to the ball game ; It ain't gonna rain no mo' Hymns, gospel songs, & spirituals. Jacob's ladder ; Amazing grace ; He's got the whole world in his hands ; Nobody knows the trouble I see ; All my trials ; Simple gifts ; Swing low, sweet chariot ; Shall we gather at the river ; Joshua fit the battle ; This little light of mine ; When the saints go marching in ; Gimme that old time religion ; Rock of ages Christmas & other holiday songs. The first Noël ; Adeste fideles ; Silent night ; Deck the hall ; Joy to the world ; We three kings ; Jingle bells

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This is the best collection of familiar songs that I've found. The arrangements are easy enough to learn quickly, but don't sound simplistic. I play the piano at nursing homes, and encourage the residents to sing along. These selections are perfect.

I have about 20 of these books now and have gotten them for friends and students. As a voice teacher I am always on the lookout for easy, fun songs to sing. I have discovered that our traditional American songs are not taught in schools anymore; this book has them most of them. This is a great book for them and for my non-American students who want to learn them. Also, I'm a big proponent of group singing; I throw parties where much group singing is done. I have used these books at family functions, adult parties, etc., and everyone has a wonderful time. Even the "non-singers" join in and rediscover the joy of singing. The accompaniments are very simple and good for beginners. Chords are given so that improvisation is possible if desired. I highly recommend this book.

I am a music teacher, and I love this song book. It has very playable arrangements with all the top songs that Americans should know. One of the best compilations of this kind I've seen.

i bought this book for dementia patients at an assisted living facility. we sang and sang and sang. the residents don't remember alot of things. but they remembered virtually all of the songs. we had residents i have never seen smile, smiling at the singing. this book brought so much happiness to

people searching for happiness, that i can pretty much say, buying this book was the best money i ever spent

Book is written for easy/early intermediate performance level, and has a nice selection of songs, just like the title suggests. The ring binding works well and seems to be an improvement on previous ring bindings. Nice colorful illustrations.

I play the piano and sing at three nursing homes. The selections are great for that purpose and are easy to sight read.

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