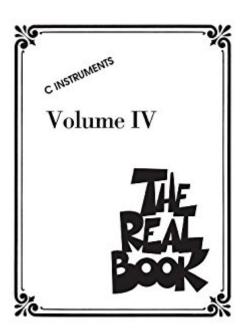
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Although there are more songs in the first three real books (The Real Book: Sixth Edition, The Real

Book - Volume II (C Instruments): C Instruments 2nd Edition (Fake Book), The Real Book - Volume III: C Instruments, 2nd Edition) than I'll ever learn to play in two lifetimes, when this book came out, I rushed to get my copy. The reason is simple: with the majority of the standards available in the other three books, here we start getting into some more "fringe" or hard to find material, but even more important than that, this volume includes a number of (what I consider) glaring absences from the first volumes, as well as more recent material that probably didn't make it into earlier volumes because of copyright issues and such. Some examples of the first category of songs include: Days of Wine and Roses, On Green Dolphin Street, and Just Friends (among others). Some from the latter category include all the Mancini and Gershwin material: Baby Elephant Walk, Peter Gunn Theme, A Foggy Day, and Summertime. The paper quality is exceptional as ever, and although the font seems a little smaller, it is still easy to read with space enough for notes and notations while learning and playing the tunes. As always, the spiral bound format is easy to handle and convenient.

It feels like almost a lifetime ago when THE REAL BOOK (*THE* as in Volume 1) was sold "behind the counter" at select music shops. Buying it had an air of naughtiness, yet signified both the hipness of the music shop in carrying it, and legitimacy of you as a musician in buying it. The book, of course, was not perfect, in fact, early editions were laden with ridiculous errors, whereas as time past, sheets began to improve. Some years back, Hal Leonard took over the book -- legitimizing it, putting it out at a reasonable price, and further developing the series. Lead sheets, by nature, are merely blueprints of given arrangements -- to declare any leadsheet "perfect" would be silly, but to say that some fakebooks are more functional than others, in my opinion would be a fair statement. To that extent, this book deserves 5 stars, in that, whether or not I agree with every change, it definitely, like V.1-3 of the series, is "on the go" functional Of course, Volumes 1-3 always existed, IV to the best of my knowledge is new; however, it includes many tunes that were omitted from earlier versions of the legal edition. DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES, ON GREEN DOLPHIN STREET, DOODLIN', A FOGGY DAY, NIGHT AND DAY, FLAMINGO, JUST FRIENDS, RELAXIN' AT CAMARILLO (Parker), SUNNY and SUMMERTIME are included... as are excellent sheets to numerous tunes that have appeared in other fakebooks... Most welcome by myself are Mr. Lucky, Mr. Wonderful, Our Day Will Come, That's Life, Parker's Mood, Azure Te, and Going out of my Head. There are some fun as hell tunes too, like THE PINK PANTHER, THE "IN" CROWD, The Themes to both I Love Lucy and Johnny Carson, Peter Gunn, The Sermon and more.

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