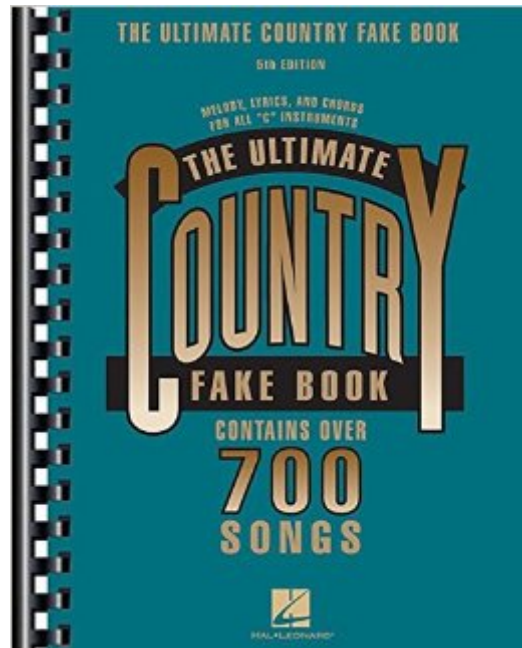


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Customer Reviews

I found this to be an excellent music book. The variety is great, ranging all the way from old Hank Willimas songs to current George Strait hits. With over 700 songs, I have spent many, many evenings turning pages and playing song after song. Each one contains lyrics and guitar chord labels. The print seems a bit small at first, but you will get used to it. The contents are listed in both

alphabetical order by title and by artist name. I have thoroughly enjoyed this book!

I think it is a FANTASTIC collection of country tunes. Some of the older tunes are some of the greatest in country music, and I'm glad this book is here to fill the void. Country music isn't what it used to be, and this book has some genuine country tunes that many people don't know or have never heard. Most of what passes for country music nowadays is not country at all but watered-down rock. These are some of the tunes I grew up with, and this book is well worth the price if you are looking for REAL country music. Songs that were sung by Eddy Arnold, Webb Pierce, Don Gibson, Mel Tillis, Hank Williams, Dottie West, Ferlin Husky and many, many others. There's enough material in this book to last you for years. If real country is what you are looking for, then buy this book.

This book is an excellent value, but be warned the songs are not 100% accurate. Aside from the usual "fake book" shorthand, there are some omissions (typos?) While some songs have overly detailed implied chords laid out, others are missing some transitional chords. If you know the tune, you'll be able to figure it out. However, it is not always possible to just run through the song & have it sound good on the 1st go - you will have some translating/ extrapolating to do. That said, it is still a heck of a value, 700 songs for under \$30 bucks! Also, it is very heavy on older songs, which is PERFECT for me. I'd guess that 5% of the songs are post 1990, and that fully half are pre-1960. So, if you are looking for Taylor Swift & Blake Shelton, this is not for you. It's heavy on Hank, Waylon, Johnny, & Merle, and that makes me a happy guy!

I love this book because, unlike other books with lots of songs, I actually am familiar with the majority of these songs. They aren't just fillers. I think all 700 were at the top of the charts when I was growing up, and some aren't very old either. This is a huge book, somewhere between 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick. I bought mine used, and it was a little bulkier perhaps because some moisture had gotten to the edges of the pages, but the book is spiral bound and designed to lie flat. I wanted to see what it was like before I sprung for a Kindle version. I would recommend this book to a friend.

Mostly older songs, some "crossovers" duplicated in other Hal Leonard fake books. If you are looking for more recent music, say from the last 15 years or so, this book will disappoint. Meets my needs exactly, so very satisfied. Bought a used copy for the price break. Some of the pages had been dog-eared as place markers, but utility and completeness not affected.

A volume packed with many songs long since forgotten; however, some have only part of the song instead of the entire song, a bummer. My greatest disappointment.... No Floyd Cramer. Golden Oldies... piano.... no "last date with you"?

I have a very good friend who has a young daughter who is interested in learning to play the piano. I had an electronic keyboard that I never learned to use, so I gave that to my friend's daughter along with several books, and this was one of them. She tells me that it is really easy to understand, and it must be, because she's doing very well with her playing.

The book has many, many songs in it. If anything, almost too many, but everything is well laid out for quick reference, and easy reading. About the only thing it doesn't have is the instrument (guitar in my case), and the voice. Not much they could do for me there!!!!

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