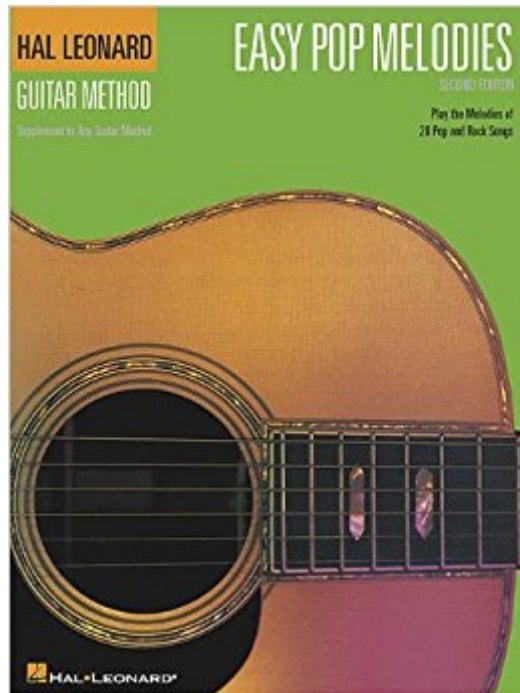


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# Easy Pop Melodies Book Only 2nd Edition (Hal Leonard Guitar Method (Songbooks))



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## Customer Reviews

I purchased this book+cd combo from my local music store in the hopes that it would introduce me to lead guitar playing at a beginner level and I was not disappointed. Although for the price you could get a much larger book stuffed with more than 20 songs, the "Easy Pop Melodies" simplifies recognizable melodies into their most basic rhythms, making them incredibly easy and unintimidating for novice guitarists learning their first few songs. However, anyone with more than a very basic knowledge of guitar playing and reading music will find this book too easyPros: Things I like- the CD: very useful to keep tempo and also provides the backup chords. What made this book worth the price to me- has a varied selection of songs- simplifies songs to make them accessible to beginnersCons: Things that detract from the functionality of the product- Lyrics not complete for all of the songsThings that I noticed about the book and wished were different:- tempos printed in the

song book. (I have been playing various instruments for 10 years and knowing the speed the song should be played at is pretty important. there is the CD, but sometimes I just want to use a metronome and would like to know what to set it to)- the songs are not ordered by difficulty: when just beginning guitar I found myself skipping around the book to find songs that I could play. Something for beginners to keep in mind: This book contains only songs and does not demonstrate how to read music or teach you how to play the guitar. It is meant to be a companion to a method book or some other form of instruction in playing the guitar

I am a private music teacher and I have used dozens of "Easy Pop Melodies" as part of my curriculum. I use it in conjunction with Hal Leonard's "Complete Guitar Method". I like the way it uses familiar songs, though many of my younger students don't know them. It introduces songs progressively from easy to more difficult. When used with the "Complete Guitar Method" book, it provides a nice break from exercises and lets them have a more practical experience. They will play both written melodies and new chords as they learn them. A good choice.

If you're learning guitar from the (very effective) Hal Leonard method books, you're probably a little embarrassed by the old-timey tunes that you're playing. This book is a supplement with some more contemporary popular songs in the form of lyrics + melody + chords. It would be nice if they would just incorporate some of these kinds of songs in the method book in place of say "down in the valley" and "patsy-ory-ory-aye", but given what we're stuck with this supplement is worthwhile for the beginner.

After working on Hal Leonard Guitar Method Complete Edition, I decided to get this book for some additional songs to practice. And after realizing that you cannot print from Kindle book, I went for the paper version since I wanted to be able to see more than 1 page at a time (for songs that are 2 pages). Unfortunately, this version did NOT come with any audio CDs. It looks like there is one with Book and CD for higher price but this is not it. I say this because I find practicing with audio tracks on the Guitar Method to be much more fun and effective for me. It gives you a chance to hear what the song is supposed to sound like, keep with the proper tempo, and just more fun playing. I am still practicing the songs, but in the future, I will be looking more carefully to select books with audio CD or youtube feed that you can play along with your lessons.

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I like everything about the book and CD except that some of the pieces are very fast and it would be much more helpful if there was both a slow and a fast version of some of these pieces on the CD. It can be very hard to get pieces with syncopated rhythms at fast tempos of 130 or faster.

I wish I could find more song books like this. The songs are made easy enough for a beginner guitar player like me. Once you get better at a given song you may deviate from the score a little to play the song more like the original. The only thing I wish it had is the strumming pattern for the chords. That would really make it complete and 5 stars.

This is a great book for beginning guitarists. I've only been playing approximately 2 months and I am able to at least play the melody on several of the pieces. The songs are familiar and are arranged in such a way that although they are for beginners, they still sound very nice.

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