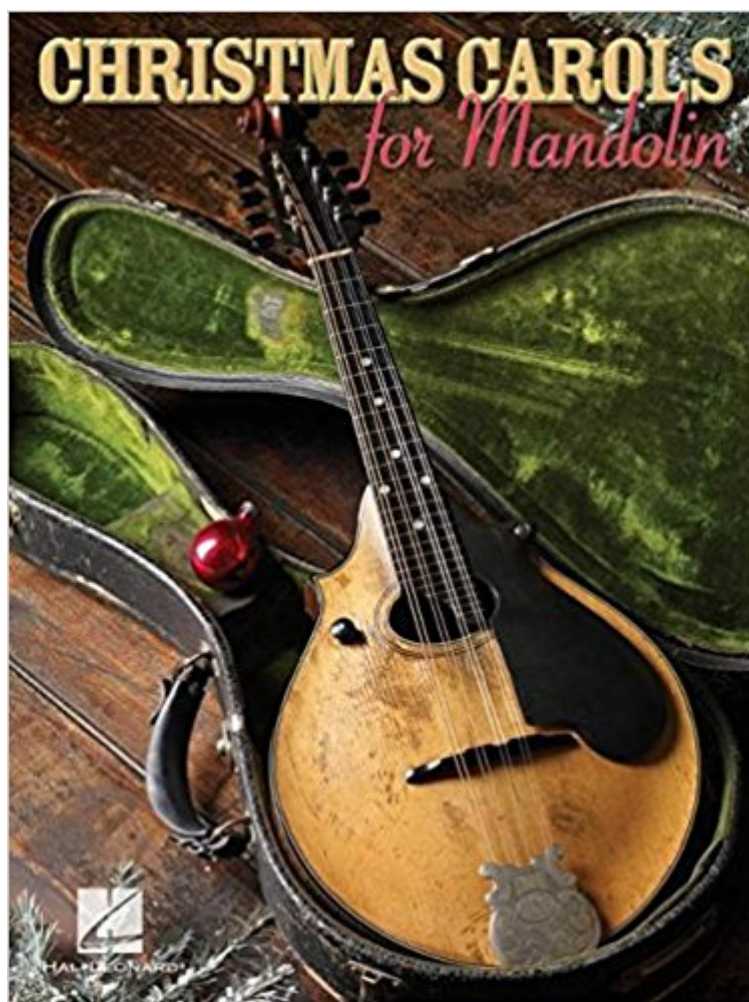


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Christmas Carols For Mandolin



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Customer Reviews

These arrangements are almost all slightly beyond the simplest tune-only arrangements in most books. 23 different songs. Includes chords and lyrics. Nice back page reference of Mandolin Notation symbols. If you want a Christmas collection that's beyond the beginner books (but not terribly advanced), you will like this.

Angels We Have Heard on High
Away in a Manger
Deck the Hall
The First Noel
Go, tell it on the Mountain
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Good King Wenceslas
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
I Saw three Ships
It came upon the midnight Clear
Jingle Bells
Jolly Old St. Nicholas
Joy to the World
O Christmas Tree
O Come, All Ye Faithful
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O Holy Night
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Silent Night
Up on the Housetop
We Three Kings of Orient Are
We Wish you a Merry Christmas
What Child is This?

I bought a few of the Christmas Music for Mandolin books here at . This is the only one that I felt was very helpful. The others mainly provide the melody line and chords, which I can get from a bazillion other Christmas collection books. This one provided some very nice arrangements for the

mandolin, using double stops, tremolos, etc. I played one of the arrangements in church this morning and they loved it.

I like it a lot. It is very easy to read and to play. It comes with tablatures also and two steps arrangements which makes the melodies nicer. It is exactly what I was looking for.

Each of the songs seemed to be arranged to highlight one of (1) double-stops, (2) tremolos, or (3) arpeggiated chords. Experienced players might get better value / more selections for the price with straight "fake book"-melody and chord arrangements, but for beginners like myself, it's a nice study.

On the plus side, this book is very user friendly for the new player, and many of the arrangements are lovely. "Oh come, oh come Emmanuel" is particularly haunting and beautiful on the mandolin. I imagine this book would be ideal if you play in church. Unfortunately most of my kids' favorites are missing, probably because they are secular. I suppose "Frosty" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" may not technically be carols, but I wish they were included. Still, this is a useful song book, and I hope to have most of it mastered by December.

I bought this after seeing on the music stand in a student's pile of holiday materials. Same day it arrived I sight-read from it at a gig and the arrangements are great and fairly simple to read. Tab and standard are included and there's an equal mix of simple one-note tunes and chord-melody style tunes for different levels of instrumentalist. A great find!

I've played guitar for years but have been playing mandolin for a year or so. This book fits perfectly where I'm at in terms of my ability and continued fruitful practice. As others have said the arrangements are really mandolin arrangements, not simply fake book melodies. So as an intermediate player (+/-) it's pushing me gently to improve. But the cool thing is these arrangements are not crazy difficult, requiring 6 months of dedication to master, and nerves of steel to play, for the holidays. A huge gripe of mine with holiday guitar arrangements: too simple or too hard considering the material. Don't get me wrong, I love xmas tunes, just not so much in July. This book strikes a great balance for an intermediate player. The earlier pieces in the book would suit a beginner. Things get more difficult as you progress through the book. But the progression is fluid, if that makes sense. It's pretty obvious the pieces are arranged by a dyed-in-the-wool, experienced instructor. A lot of material out there does not live up to obvious expectations. The biggest thing this

book does for my playing is helping me get better tone from the instrument. I never thought xmas tunes were so suited to the mandolin. The mandolin techniques are very well applied to the material. So if your phrasing is right, the technique is there, and you apply the right touch, its really quite moving. Something about the mandolin. The selection and number of tunes suit me fine too. I see myself playing from this book for many christmases to come. Its good to have a music book for the holidays I can comfortably play with friends while not having to put my lessons on hold while I learn the material. For what it is and my stage in the game I really can't think of much that would improve this book.

Exactly what I was looking for. I am a beginner mando player and these songs are a great introduction to playing. You are introduced to the proper use of everything from tremolo picking to slides. While not a tutorial, there is enough information in the book to answer most questions about the techniques used and if you need more answers, a quick internet search will provide them.

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