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The Essential Michael Jacksonpiano/Vocal/Guitar



Synopsis

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook). P/V/G arrangements for 38 of Michael Jackson's best-loved songs. Titles: I Want You Back * ABC * The Love You Save * Shake Your Body (Down to the Ground) * Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough * Rock with You * The Girl Is Mine * Billie Jean * Beat It * Thriller * Bad * Smooth Criminal * many more.

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Customer Reviews

This book contains a large variety of songs ranging from the earliest songs of the Jackson 5 in the early 70s to more modern songs like You Rock my World and Dangerous from the 90s/early 2000s, which was when Jackson was in the prime of his career. I feel the book contains appropriate songs, most of his number one hits are included, as well as most of the songs in the Thriller album. From what I hear, a few songs that were essential from Michael like Earth Song or Never Say Goodbye were not included, but seeing as this book is based strictly on the 2005 CD of the same name, this is forgivable. Most songs are great but a few don't translate the best to keyboard, but like every book, there are always those few songs that make the entire book worth buying and the less desirable songs forgivable. As for difficulty, this book is not for beginner or early intermediate players. There are a lot of sharps and flats in many of the songs, which are in the original key Jackson sang them in. They aren't really advanced either like Joplin or Gershwin, but they are on the more difficult side of moderate. One last comment is some of these songs for the piano part include a counter melody to the vocal part rather than go along with the melody, so for those songs

you need to play off the top melody and add extra inversions to the notes to add more emphasis if you want to play the main melody, however, most of the songs' piano parts do go along with the main melody exactly note for note, but Bad and Thriller are some that don't. Overall, this book is pretty great and offers lyrics and chords, as well as great melodies and counter melodies for the vocals on piano. If you are a fan of Jackson and play piano, this book is a must have. If you like a few of Jackson's songs and are a pop fan, I still guarantee you will like this book. It just has a really great variety and his best songs are all in here.

Great book has his top songs in music sheet format, I am using it to improve my musical sight reading

This book is well done and I think fairly faithful to the originals by the King. Unfortunately, the songs are a bit difficult for me, as I'm not that great a pianist, and I get discouraged -- especially with the complex syncopation. MJ might have turned white, but his music didn't. Even very ballad-like songs, like "Heal the World," can have difficult and complex rhythms in them.

It was a gift for a young, budding musician who loves Michael Jackson's music. He was thrilled with the gift.

This book had the major songs I was looking for. I got it uses and it came in great shape. Doesn't even look like it was used much at all.

A good value. Fun to play, not too hard, not too easy. Authentic sounding, easy to tell what songs they are right from the get go.

I'm so lucky to have this. Great anthology! From his early classics to his later years, this volume holds all the tunes of 'The Essential Michael Jackson' double album.

My son is a MJ fan.

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