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IZ: The Songbook Collection, Guitar / Ukulele Edition



Synopsis

Seventeen beautiful songs transcribed for guitar and ukulele exactly as played by IZ including his breathtaking version of "Over the Rainbow" as heard on the soundtracks to Finding Forester, 50 First Dates, and "ER." There are also four pages of color photos featuring Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, the Hawaiian singer with an unparalleled voice. Our folio includes: Hawai'i '78 * White Sandy Beach * 'Opae E * Kaleohano * Na Ka Pueo * Hi'ilawe * N Dis Life (In This Life) * Ka Pua U'i * Kuhio Bay * Henehene Kou 'Aka * Panini Puakea * Wind Beneath My Wings/He Hawai'i Au * Starting All Over Again * Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World * Kamalani.

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Customer Reviews

It's actually a lot better than just 3 stars but it is misleading in its claim to be for guitar AND ukulele. The chords are guitar chords, plain and simple. The book takes unfair (in my opinion) advantage of the fact that the strings of a ukulele are tuned like the highest 4 strings of a guitar (except the G string on the ukulele is usually tuned an octave higher than on guitar). So the book tells you to simply finger the same chords but the sound will be a 4th higher -- finger a D chord for guitar and it's a G chord on the ukulele. That's not bad but the problem comes when trying to sing along using the printed music or having someone play the melody on an instrument like the flute or violin. They have to transpose the melody if you're playing a ukulele, something that flute players and violinists are not usually trained to do. So it's not really a ukulele book unless you're really good at music theory and are working with others who are also.

Don't buy it if you are going to use it for Ukulele

love it

It's great to have this collection in one book. I'm still a novice ukulele musician, so it will take a little work to make this useful for myself - checking chords and creating diagrams (in the book I remember them being illustrated for guitar). Also, I do not own all the albums of IZ's this book references. To make my learning experience more effective I'll buy or borrow (love the library!) the album that contains the song I focus on learning at any given time. IZ is a ukulele musician icon so I'm very glad to own this book and to work up the skill necessary to play this well!

I'm sure the book is great but it has not been optimized for Kindle. The pages have been reduced in size to where they are not readable except with a magnifying glass.

I'm a beginner ukulele player. Yes the chords are annoying as they do not correspond to ukulele but to a fretted guitar, but the worst of it is that most of the pages look like a cheap photocopy. I have tried on my kindle as well as my PC and the image is really bad, sometimes impossible to read. I wish I have bought the printed version of the Ukulele tab.

Save your money, unless it guitar cording you want - IF ukulele cords are what you're looking for its NOT there! This could work for others just NOT me!

I ordered this songbook because it contained the songs I was interested in. I was satisfied with the presentation once I could figure out where subsequent verses continued. I prefer having the entire song presented in as many pages as necessary, but understand the need to make shortcuts by referencing back to the verses that repeat the same melody.

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