

Synopsis

A comprehensive collection of 39 of George & Ira's best, including: Fascinating Rhythm * How Long Has This Been Going On * I Got Rhythm * Let's Call the Whole Thing Off * Love Walked In * Nice Work If You Can Get It * 'S Wonderful * Someone to Watch Over Me * Strike Up the Band * They Can't Take That Away From Me * and more.

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Customer Reviews

I guess I should have asked, but I read all the reviews and no mention was made that this is for the "beginning" piano player. I'm not "concert" talent but this is for someone just beginning.....say two/three years.....(think, "big notes")so.....I was disappointed. If you're just looking for vocal/guitar music, this might fill the bill.I returned the book and was given full credit. Nice to deal with an understanding seller.

I think this is a good book for beginning//intermediate adults. There are songs at many levels and they are of course, great songs!

Ordinary arrangements, fine song selection, pretty inexpensive. This one gets to four stars because it's the only collection with the finale to Porgy & Bess, "Oh Lawd I'm On My Way," in Piano / Vocal format with chords. Better collection is the Albert Sirmay-edited "George & Ira Gershwin Songbook."

Collected here are many of the true standards, the true classical works of American song. These

are the songs played through the Muzak, the songs at the background of so much of American life and experience. I confess to walking and singing many of these songs as I go. There is a special spirit in them, a spirit of youth and yes a spirit of American optimism and freedom. Even the songs of disappointed love have in them a kind of optimism given by what might be called the 'elegance and tenderness of their beauty'. I have never read or heard a real analysis of 'Summertime' and 'Embraceable you' or 'I got rhythm' or 'It Ain't Necessarily so' but my sense the vitality, the vibrancy of youth is at the heart of these songs. And then too a real sympathy with suffering.

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