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Mel Bay Christmas Songs For 5-String Banjo



Synopsis

Well-known composer, performer, bluegrass and five-string banjo specialist Janet Davis has arranged this fantastic book of Christmas songs for five-string banjo. Selections include material for various levels of ability and offer wide variety of songs for the holiday season. Tablature only with lyrics for each song. The companion CD is included. This is a stereo recording which contains all the music in the book, played slow and up-to-speed. The fast version includes guitar accompaniment.

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Customer Reviews

I can't say I like all of the arrangements. Maybe the word to add there is "yet". This book is still worth the 5 stars. Janet gives several versions of each song. She is a genius when it comes to coming up with arrangements where you can truly hear the melody. The CD that comes with this book is a great addition to be able to hear how the song can be played. She plays the song slow, and then faster with a guitar accompaniment. I particularly like the version of "We Three Kings", "Away in a Manage", the more advanced version of "Joy to the World", the melodic version of "The First Noel" and of course "Silent Night". Those are the ones that I have camped on, waiting for my opportunity to play them out in public somewhere. The other songs in this book are: Jingle Bells, Jolly Old St. Nick, Hark the Herald Angles, Sing Deck the Halls, O Come All Ye Faithful, Angles From the Realms of Glory, O Christmas Tree, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Go Tell it on the Mountain, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Good King Wenceslas, O Holy Night, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, What Child is

This?Ave Maria

This is my favorite Tab book. The book is organized well, with a melody only and scruggs style arrangement for each song, and a third arrangement for many of the songs as well. The actual arrangements are well thought out and enjoyable, they are distinctly bluegrass and the melody is prominent and easy for a listener to identify. I personally enjoyed the chord-only arrangement of "it came upon a midnight clear

Got this a little while ago and I am playing the melodies to most of the songs. With practice I will be playing the intermediate parts next Christmas. That makes this book great for beginners and intermediate! It's gonna be great being able to play an instrument and lead some singing at the same time with family at Christmas this year. It was a great buy!

The book has several variations to the Christmas songs. I have played banjo for 1.5 years and consider myself an advanced beginner/starting intermediate player. The songs start with just the melody line and then have 2-3 variations after that which are more "banjo-like". I like the arrangements I am learning. I like that there are several variations that I can use as I become a better player.

Good arrangements for basic to intermediate, even a couple of advanced. I found it good as a stepping off point giving me ideas for my own arrangements.

I bought this with another book. IT is a good buy because it has both TAB and standard Notation which is good for everyone regardless of which way you learned. I really like stuff from Mel Bay and carries most of the books.

The book contains several well-known Christmas songs. Each song has a basic melodic version, an intermediate version, and several songs have an third (advanced) version. All songs are in 'banjo tab' with one verse of lyrics included with the melodic version. Each song includes left hand fret positions with easy-to-read numbers. (In comparison I have another Mel Bay book with too-small-to-read left hand fret positions.) In general I am pleased with the book, and I would recommend it.

This book has all the major songs you would expect, and typically in 3 different versions: melody,

beginner 3 finger, and intermediate 3 finger. Some are Scruggsy some are more melodic, all in all a good mix. The instructional CD is very good and gives an overview of what you are trying to play. There are no amazing licks or crazy compositions, but it does its job as a solid Christmas Banjo Book.

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