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The Best Fake Book Ever: For Keyboard, Vocal, Guitar, And All "C" Instruments (4th Edition)



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You won't find every song in this "Fake Book" but you will find the most popular songs. Not recommended for beginners. Requires knowledge of keys other than C. Excellent value for musicians.

CONS: The print is too small to see well. Compared to my other music the printing is also lighter, making it that much harder to read. It is very big and very heavy. You may want to consider breaking it down into smaller sections if you have a keyboard with a plastic music holder.
PROS: There is something here for everyone from beginner to intermediate so if you are just starting out, as I am, there are songs to graduate to as you learn and improve. The song selection is large and varied. I like that after the Table of Contents they divided songs into categories as well. Some of the categories are Broadway Show Tunes, Jazz, Children's, Country, Big Band, Hits of the 50's through Hits of the 2000's, Movie and TV, etc. Even songs that are in 3/4 time are separately listed. For the amount of songs and variety it is a good buy but none of that will be of much use if you can't see it well and that's why I gave it 3 stars.

Not that great. Some good Ray Charles, Beatles, as well as a few (very few) other gems. Be prepared to skip around a bunch. I've only found around maybe, maybe 20 tunes to play out of this book. It seems like a whole lotta junk is crammed in here, very eclectic mix thrown together. Much preferred the Ultimate Fake Book to this one. Even some of the gems are screwed up by the bad writing- wrong notes, chords, changes, and at times all three simultaneously. But honestly I'd buy it again. 46

The book is fine, but the Kindle edition on my iPad has some major weaknesses. The index is huge,

so to get to a song farther down in the list, say a song starting with 's', you have to scroll down through a gazillion pages; very time consuming. It should have a quick jump to any letter of the alphabet. And to make matters worse, the index does not stay in sync with the page you are on, so every time you go back to the index, you start all over at the beginning. So be forewarned, you will spend more time scrolling through the music than actually playing the music. Otherwise, it is a good book.

I just discovered that this book is missing several pages. The last song in the book I have is on page 764, but the Table of Contents lists songs thru page 796. So this book is missing 32 pages!!! Unfortunately, this discovery was just made by me & I have had the book for 3 yrs. so I am not even attempting to have replace it. But I'll certainly check any books in the future! Otherwise, the Fake Books are just wonderful...although bulky & the plastic spiral doesn't allow for easy page turning. Any of you that have Kindles or Kindle apps you might consider ordering this in the Kindle version. Much easier to handle that way.

Tired of lugging the actual book around! Had been waiting for the kindle edition. Glad to have it in my arsenal.

I have had limited piano lessons a few years back, yet I was able to teach myself the chords in Fake Books, through playing songs that I enjoy and remember. This book has such a wonderful assortment of music. Some I recognize from a young age while other tunes were from teenage through adult. Going through these musical pages is like exploring a treasure chest of music!

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