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The Mandolin Chord Book: Compact Reference Library



Synopsis

(Music Sales America). This useful chord book, developed for mandolin players, features clear, readable chord diagrams. The diagrams are grouped by key for easy reference. No page flipping needed!

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The book is organized by key, offering the most common closed chords used in each key. If you just want to find a specific chord, you have to thumb through to find a key that the chord is used in. Also, the chords for each key are spread across three pages, so you can't simply lay the book flat open to the key you are working in and see all the options. Instead, you have to flip back and forth.

Organizing it by key might have had some advantages if all the chords had been placed on just two facing pages, so they all might be seen with the book laid open in front of you. Furthermore, the book offers mostly four finger closed chord options. For beginners, it probably would make more sense to present some of the simpler open chords alongside the closed ones, offering them a good place to start, while also showing them where they might go as their dexterity improves.

It's arranged by song key, not the chords, so you have to flip around a lot to find things. It's a personal preference, but I'd like to have all the "A" options grouped. Since I'm new to Mandolin, I often just need a chord and its variations, not all the chords in the key. The diagrams are great, I'd

just like a different organization.

I've been a guitar player for some years now, and on a whim I purchased a mandolin as a means of augmenting my versatility. I only needed to learn the chord positions on this instrument as accompaniment for songs I already knew on the guitar, for the time being, as I am also a vocalist and was not concerned with playing any melodies or scales. None the less, every other chord is, of course, also included. This small volume is primarily a reference book with chord diagrams consisting of chord name, fretboard location, and finger position dots illustrated for each chord. Included in the introduction are the note names of each of the strings when played in their respective "open positions", plus tuning information and adequate enough procedural instruction that even novices should be able to put to use in teaching themselves the accompaniment to well known favorites. I strongly recommend purchasing a song-book of familiar tunes with mandolin chord diagrams included, however, as an aid in pursuing such an endeavor.

Exactly what I wanted the order came in on time it was a book to help me with my cords and I appreciated everything that I got thank you

I have studied the book and learned to play a few chords! Very easy to follow.

A little advanced for a beginner but hopefully he can grow with it. Music teacher approved.

Simple and good.

great

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