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Simply Standards: 22 Most Requested Songs (Easy Piano) (Simply Series)



Synopsis

Simply Standards is a collection of the most popular songs by the greatest songwriters. These have been carefully selected and arranged by Mike Springer for Easy Piano, making many famous tunes accessible to pianists of all ages. Phrase markings, articulations, fingering and dynamics have been included to aid with interpretation, and a large print size makes the notation easy to read. Titles: Ain't Misbehavin' * Anything Goes * Bye Bye Blackbird * Cry Me a River * Dream a Little Dream of Me * Embraceable You * Forty-Second Street * It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) * It Had to Be You * I've Got the World on a String * Moonlight in Vermont * Moonlight Serenade * My Funny Valentine * Night and Day * Over the Rainbow * The Second Time Around * Someone to Watch Over Me * Star Dust * Stormy Weather * Summertime * They Can't Take That Away from Me * When I Fall In Love.

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Customer Reviews

This book was shipped expeditiously. I am getting back into playing the piano. In fact, I am playing for a new group. I have to learn the standards. I wanted to purchase a book that I could easily read and then add my flavor to the pieces. The arrangements sound beautiful. I'm working on Ain't Misbehavin'. I LOVE it! I am very happy with this purchase!

Easy arrangements that manage to preserve the harmonies and flavor of the original tunes. Very enjoyable to play! I wish Mike Springer would arrange more!

Arrangements have substance for being rated easy. Give us more at this level. Very playable for late beginner/early intermediate. Thanks

I'm very satisfied with this book and I'm having fun playing the tunes and starting to explore jazz without having to work too hard. I'm intermediate level and found the pieces easy to play (but they sound good!). Even if you are not a jazz connoisseur (like in my case, I've only played classical so far, plus a bit of ragtime and boogie woogie, and I don't listen to jazz very often), the collection includes some very famous tunes like 'Stormy Weather' and 'Over the Rainbow', so you'll sure find something you've heard. For the tunes I've never heard, they are still easy enough to play and enjoy. I find that the style and some idioms of all arrangements are often similar to each other, on one hand I would have liked more variety of playing styles, but on the other hand this makes the tunes even easier to play. Finally, I appreciate the big print that doesn't require eye-squeezing.

Well arranged pieces, I enjoy playing most of them. A couple are pretty obscure, but worth it for the rest.

Very nice - easy to follow

This is a nice collection of "easy" piano music. I put easy in quotations because it's not for beginners. There are other books out there with much more stripped down and simplified music. However, I'm glad it isn't one of those beginner books for children. I got this for a friend who has already played the guitar for years and knows how to read music, so I didn't want anything too simple and I think this is just easy enough that he'll struggle with it a little bit but pick it up in no time. The reason I gave it 4 stars was because when it arrived the cover and some pages were bent because the book had moved around so much during shipping. I have come to expect better from and was surprised/disappointed that they would ship something so sloppily.

I love the large print! Great selection of songs. However, I wish chord notation had been included in the music.

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