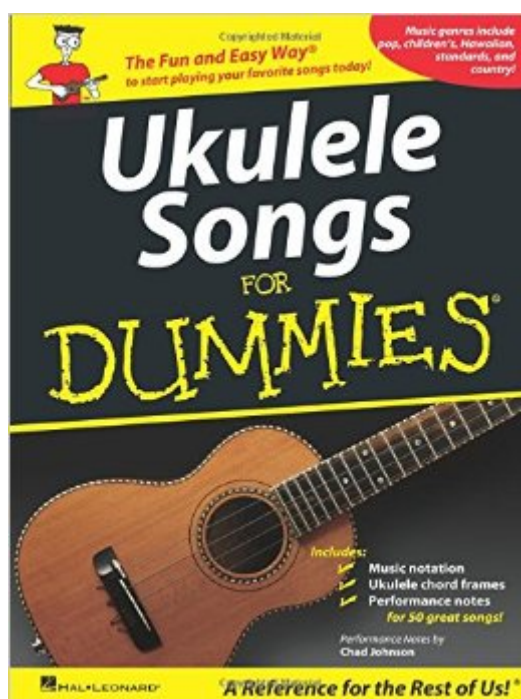


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# Ukulele Songs For Dummies



## Synopsis

Want to learn to play a wide variety of songs on the ukulele? Then this is the right book for you! An easy-to-use resource for the casual hobbyist or working musician this collection features 50 full songs with standard notation ukulele tablature lyrics and helpful performance notes. Tunes include: All You Need Is Love ~ Bad Bad Leroy Brown ~ Can't Help Falling in Love ~ Edelweiss ~ The Gambler ~ Hey Soul Sister ~ Mr. Tambourine Man ~ Puff the Magic Dragon ~ (Sittin' on) The Dock of the Bay ~ Still the One ~ Tiny Bubbles ~ You Are My Sunshine ~ and more.

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## Customer Reviews

As others have pointed out, this book lacks tabs. I haven't read music in over 20 years and was greatly disappointed that it doesn't give tabs for the songs. Would have greatly reconsidered the purchase. The for Dummies books usually are more helpful than this, if you can read music you probably wouldn't be interested in a Dummies book.

Good book. Nice charts, and as usual with Dummies Guides, a nice breezy approach that does put one at ease reading it. However, there is a lot of information that seems to me to be rather advanced past the stage where you are learning the beginning and even the advanced beginner stuff. I gave it away because the other books I bought here at are so much better at first, and then there are progressive books that I personally liked better. Others may love this book though, so do

look at it! My favorite books at the first stages are: Play Ukulele Today!: A Complete Guide to the Basics Level 1 Get the one with the CD in it, and then Alfred's Basic Ukulele Method: The Most Popular Method for Learning How to Play and also get the edition of this with the CD.

I read music but I'm essentially a beginning ukulele player. What I really liked about this book is that it claims to have tablature...it doesn't (except for one song). Fortunately, I can figure out the tablature but I wasn't really planning on doing all that work. I probably wouldn't have bought it if I had known that...my fault because there is one other review that points this weakness out.

My husband LOVES this book. He decided to learn to play the ukulele and this has been extremely useful to him. For me... it's useful in the idea that soon he will be sounding more like practicing and playing than noise and intermittent muttering.

Based on the product description I expected tabulature for all the songs. Out of 50 songs, only one had a bit of tabulature (p. 156). I liked the song choices, the type style, and the song descriptions. It would be great if the book were spiral bound so it would lay flat on a music stand. Each song is written out in detail which is great for learning but results in lots of pages for playing if you don't memorize the song. This book would be good for someone who can read music and is good at turning pages while playing. Since I don't read standard music notation (yet) I am returning the book. If the book were to be reissued with full tabulature I would buy it right away. I would also like the book to indicate gCEA and low-GCEA tuning options. I am completely new to playing an instrument (since Jan.) so this book isn't useful for me to learn melodies without the tabulature. I am sure those that can read music and play ukelele would appreciate these arrangements that fit the scale and range of a uke. The music notes on pages 138-143 were printed as "x's"; apparently a typeset error. I am glad "For Dummies" has taken an interest in ukelele and hope they will improve and produce more uke books.

There are some great songs in this book. There is interesting background information about the songs, nice reference charts at the back of the book for chords, and a good sampling of songs that could appeal to people of many ages from the 1920's through current times. This book uses chord charts (finger placement charts) and does not have tabs. (I find the charts much easier to work with, but I know some people are accustomed to working with tabs exclusively, so I wanted to mention that issue.) Although there are a lot of things to like about this book, there's a huge problem: there

are incorrectly labeled and/or charted chords on many of the songs! In other words, the chord diagram may be labeled G7, but the fingering positions are for a Gm7; Dm when it labels it as a D chord, etc. Someone familiar with the songs and/or someone with a good knowledge of music theory could probably figure out things with a little effort. It would be extremely challenging and frustrating for a beginner to identify the problem chords and then make necessary adjustments in order to play the songs correctly. I have sent a note to the publisher about this issue and hopefully it will be corrected before the next printing (if one is scheduled). For the current edition, however, I'd only recommend obtaining a book at a very discounted price IF you are willing to make corrections to the printed copy. For those of you considering the online version, I have seen reviews by people on other sites commenting about the print being too small to see on a reader. The hard copy version is readable - just incorrect!

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