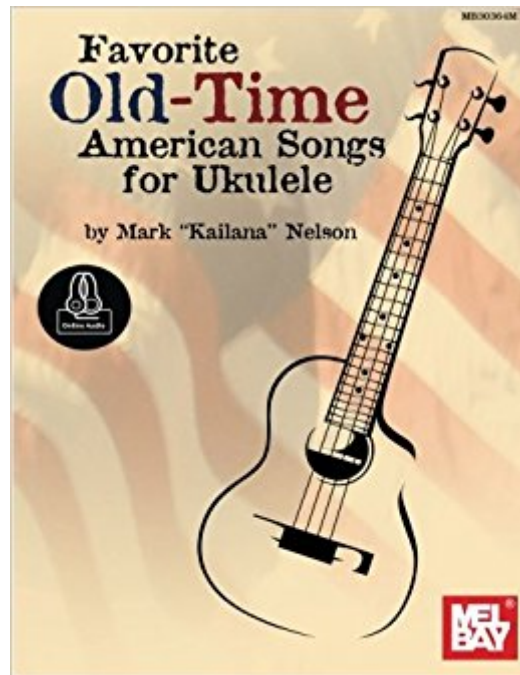




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Favorite Old-Time American Songs For Ukulele



Synopsis

This book features over 100 traditional American folk songs newly arranged for the ukulele, with chord diagrams and melody lines in tablature and standard notation. This extensive collection makes "Favorite Old-Time American Songs for Ukulele" a treasury of the best songs from the American tradition. Nothing in this book is out of range for novice ukulele players. The songs are in keys that are both easy to sing and that fit the melodic range of the ukulele. Of course, not every voice sings comfortably in every key, so information on transposition and a short discussion for players of the baritone ukulele are included. Although you do not need to read music or tablature to use this book, short introductions to each are included. In putting together this collection, the author was inspired by the old American practice of making a sampler: an endearing needlework design showing off various stitches and techniques. The book presents a sampling of the best American songs for folks working in schools, churches, hospitals, coffeehouses and other public performance spaces, or for anyone wishing to expand their repertoire and brush up on a few old chestnuts. There's a little of everything here: sentimental old hearth songs, laments and lullabies, ballads and play-parties, the sacred and profane. The overwhelming majority of songs come from pre-industrial rural traditions, because this is the kind of music that seems to go well with homemade music-making in any age. Includes access to an online audio recording.

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I like this book. It has tabs as well as chords the tabs are at a beginner level. Simple tab not too

interesting but you could embellish depending on your skill level. Some songs are familiar. Some you have to google or youtube to get familiar with. One draw back is the binding. It's a thick book 230pages the binding is a stiff glued binding. A spiral binding would have made it more user friendly. It's a pricy enough to have had a spiral binding. Manufacturers in al categories these days love to cut corners to save pennies it's symptomatic of the erosion of the quality of goods across the spectrum The CD only covers 18 of the over 100 songs.

I lead many bluegrass and americana music jams. This book is one we routinely use. I am totally satisfied with the book. It has a great variety of songs from the old-time genre. In fact, while I am familiar with many of the songs because of my involvement in bluegrass and americana music jams, many of our jammers say that have not heard of many/most of the songs in the book. This book is a good resource for songs not in other books. They are clearly presented and very easy to follow. I had the local FedEx Kinko's put a spiral binding on the book, and this makes it easier to use. Cost to bind was well under \$10 - well worth the price. I do wish this book was available as a Kindle download so I could use it on my iPad.

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