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The Pocket Harmonica Songbook: Compact Reference Library



Synopsis

(Music Sales America). Over 40 folk, blues and country favorites are included in this handy guide for beginning and intermediate players by David Harp. Includes: O When the Saints Go Marching In * St. Louis Blues * Frankie & Johnny * and many more.

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Customer Reviews

If you want to grab your harp and blast a few blues riffs with the guys on guitar, this is not the book for you. This is a slim volume, meant to go in your pocket along camping trips or get-togethers if you don't play by ear. It has folk tunes everyone knows, like Tom Dooley and other straight-harp favorites. There is a nod to blues playing by explaining the 12-bar blues, but really, this is a small straight harp cheat-book.

The songs in this book are mostly in 1st position-so if you are looking for great blues lick-this is probably the wrong place to look. However this isn't a bad compilation of popular songs arranged for the harmonica

first, click on the book image here to 'see inside' and look at the table of contents to know what tunes are inside. most are folk or popular tunes; for just straight playing simple tunes this book is ok, esp for the price; david harp has a good , easy method/tablatore for reading and playing the music,

so dont worry about that. i only wished there were some better songs in it.

Book is very basic and the CD was not shipped with the book. All the same books here locally have a practice CD included with the book. So make sure you get what is offered. Cheers Jim

the notes in the "Amazing Grace" are just wrong. They try to keep all the songs simple and end up substituting notes that just have no correct simple substitution.

This is a pretty decent little book for the money: the song selection is pretty good, the tab he uses, while a bit different, is easy to understand, it has a simple primer and it's nice sized to actually carry in your pocket. I'd have to say my only real complaint is that he uses the book for advertising his other books and material way too much. I could understand an occasional plug but this guy's over the top. Not only does every chapter have at least one reference to another of his products but the last 2 pages are dedicated to listing them all, too. I wanted a book, not an infomercial. I'd say overall I'm please with the purchase but the author's endless self-promotion in this book has sort of turned me off any other titles by him.

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