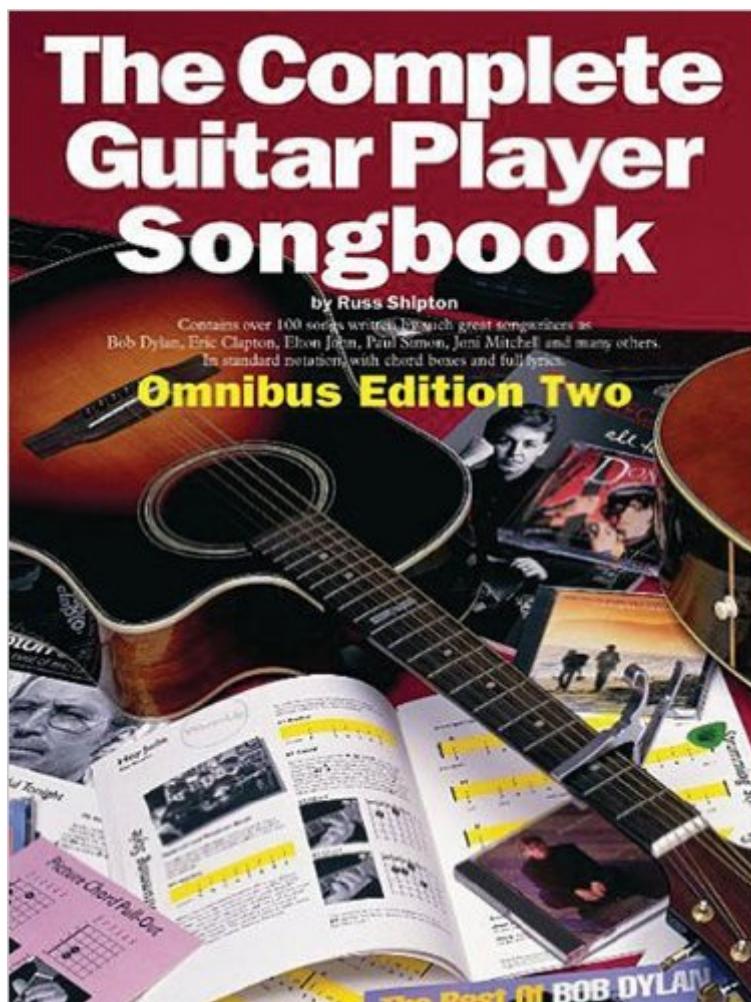


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# The Complete Guitar Player Songbook: Omnibus, Second Edition



## **Synopsis**

This compilation of three NEW Complete Guitar Player Songbooks contains over 100 songs written by such great songwriters as Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Elton John, Cat Stevens, John Denver, and many others. Full lyrics are given to each song.

## **Book Information**

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This is a great book for a beginner to practice changing chords, strumming and finger picking. Most of the songs are simplified versions based on 3 or 4 chords and one strumming or finger picking pattern. A few songs had up to 7 different chords. There are a few bar chords in the more advanced songs, but most chords are open chords like C, G, D, D7, A, G7, Em, Am, Am7, B7, etc. Best of all, the songs are not 100 years old, but ones still heard on the radio. Playing these songs will give the beginner lots of chord changing practice with songs they recognize, which helps make the practice fun.

This is my favorite guitar songbook because it has all I need to play some fun, but pretty easy songs. Not only does it have chord boxes depicting each chord, but also strum and pick patterns. It features Simon & Garfunkel, Elton John, Dylan, CCR, and similar older folksy rock. Lots of songs a beginning to intermediate guitar player can play and sing along to.

I sometimes use this book while teaching guitar lessons. It's definitely not a waste of time or money

as stated in another review. This book is more of a sampling of material and method as opposed to an in-depth study of each song. You'll have fun learning to play some popular songs. It's worth the money.

Simplified versions of more complex sounds. Finger picking and strumming patterns provided for most songs. Good go by that allows you to branch out. Over all, a fairly decent beginner to intermediate songbook.

I'm taking guitar lessons and we are using a number of songs from this book. It is well organized and each song includes the music notations, chords and strumming patterns or finger picking patterns. An excellent addition to any guitar instruction.

I should preface this by saying that before buying this book I tried to get the song list from the publisher without success. I'd only seen the previous edition which is ~70 pages shorter. But the organization of the previous edition was a joke. It was a compilation of 4 books slapped together so it was hard to find what you were looking for. So I bought this. It is indeed longer but near as I can tell has only ~2/3 the songs as the previous edition. It is especially frustrating because the songs I was learning from the previous edition aren't in the new "omnibus". The organization also remains ridiculous. For example, on page 202 you will find "Book 3 Page 4" and on the facing page 203 is "Book 2 Pages 12-14". Personally, I don't care what came from what original books, I just wanted a songbook and reference to the original means nothing to me. The songs I've tried, I've liked and I like a lot of the songs in the book. But everyone's tastes are different so I'd check the list of what songs are in the book before you buy it. That is if you can find the list.

Songbook arrived promptly and in excellent condition. My husband picked up his guitar and sat down to play as soon as he saw it. He liked the arrangements and uses it to relax after a long day.

I purchased this book as a gift for my husband who would like to brush up on his guitar playing skills. He was pleased at how many great songs are in the book as well as how easily he can see when and what cords to play.

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