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The Piano Guys - Simplified Favorites, Vol. 1: Easy Piano Arrangements With Optional Cello Parts



Synopsis

(Easy Piano Personality). With their clever and inspiring takes on popular music and creative videos, The Piano Guys serve up an eclectic mix of classical, film score, rock and pop favorites that resonates with a wide variety of audiences. Play 12 of their most popular songs in these arrangements for easy piano with optional cello: All of Me * Arwen's Vigil * Begin Again * Home * Kung Fu Piano: Cello Ascends * Moonlight * Over the Rainbow * Paradise * Rolling in the Deep * A Thousand Years * Titanium * Without You. Includes separate pull-out cello part.

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Customer Reviews

I love the piano guys. These are nice arrangements. Just a heads up that even though it says simplified, it is still intermediate + level. For a level 4 or so.

Considering the complexity of The Piano Guys music, 'simplified' is relative. This is not music for beginners or anywhere close. I look forward to the time when my grandson can actually play these things and also wish for a really, really simplified version for less experienced musicians. I am a huge fan of The Piano Guys as is my grandson and he hopes to one day be able to draw such delightful fun from a piano. In the meantime, he will strive to be up to this. It will take a while, but we're both hopeful.

Great book but bot for the beginner cello player. It is a wonderful mix of music and culture but I

bought it for the cello parts and they are broken down to easy arrangements. The Piano is great is made easier than the other books.

I bought this book and then promptly decided to return it. I decided to write a review to prevent other people from making my mistake. Let me start by noting that I am an upper-intermediate level piano player (the full songs by Yann Tiersen from Amelie are right around my level) who was looking for some fun songs I could sight-read or possibly play with a minimal amount of work. Just a book to noodle around in, if you will. Unfortunately, there are major problems with this book if this is what you want to do. Namely...1) The level of the piano music is a little too simple. That's not to say that there aren't some licks here and there that are a little difficult and you'll need to go over them once or twice just to time them correctly, but the passages are going to sound a little hollow and not very supported by the left hand.2) There are LARGE parts of the music where the cello is needed because the cello has the melody. I played all the way through a few of the songs and they were almost unrecognizable without a cellist. Overall, I'd say if you're a piano player looking for a good book, skip this one unless you have another friend (like a cellist) who is willing to work on it with you. The 'optional' cello part is not really all that optional if you want something that's going to sound more like a song and less like repeating arpeggios. That said, if you do have a cellist friend (or someone who can at least read the cello clef in their chosen instrument), get this book! There is a separate insert with the cello part for each song and the whole book is well presented! I just wish they could arrange these songs so a second musician isn't needed. PS - I noodled a little on ALL OF ME, which does NOT have an optional cello part. From what I heard, it is a GREAT simplified version and I would recommend it to any piano players who want to play Schmidt's ALL OF ME, but are scared of trying the full version!!

My daughter, who is learning piano, loved it. Great for anyone who has had more than 6 months of piano lessons. The accompanied Cello I thought was useless until my daughter told me her music teacher and her are doing a duet. Pretty cool!

I bought this for my daughters age 11 and 8. Both have played for 4 and 3 years... my oldest is currently learning Moonlight and says it is challenging but not "un-doable"... My 8 year old plays cello and she and her teacher say that the music is great for young and old...Fun book when you are a Piano Guys fan!

My only complaint is that the book came damaged. The weather was snowy and the box arrived on our porch wet and the book was not in any plastic for protection. This makes it difficult to sit on the piano. The music is just what they were expecting

This book has wonderful arrangements for a piano and cello duet, however the piano part is usually missing the melody if the cello is not playing. It would be nice for an easy arrangement that included a melody in the piano part in case you don't have a cello player hanging around to play with.

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