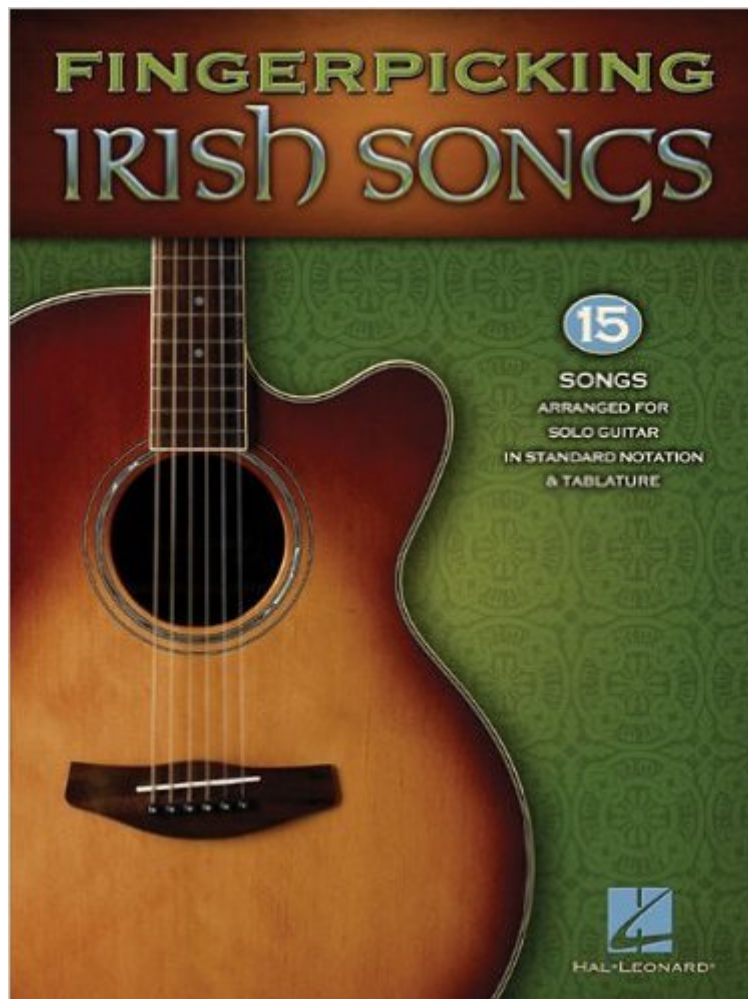


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Fingerpicking Irish Songs - 15 Songs Arr. For Solo Guitar In Standard Notation & Tab



Synopsis

15 favorites arranged for solo guitar in notes and tab including: Down by the Salley Gardens Ã The Foggy Dew Ã The Galway Piper Ã The Gypsy Rover Ã Londonderry Air Ã Sweet Rosie O'Grady Ã Water Is Wide Ã The Wearing of the Green Ã When Irish Eyes Are Smiling Ã Whiskey in the Jar Ã Wild Rover Ã and more.

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Customer Reviews

As is the case with a lot of these assembly-line "guitar arrangement" books, the arrangements are uninspiring, boring, and in some cases awkwardly arranged. For a book of Irish songs I'd expect to see some open tunings (e.g. DADGAD) and some creative liberties taken with the music. As is the case with this and other books in the same vein like "Fingerpicking Beatles," and "Fingerpicking Love Songs," and "Fingerpicking Standards," and "Fingerpicking Country," and "Fingerpicking Your Nose," some of the arrangements in these books *might* be fine as an accompaniment to a singer, but as far as being solo pieces that could be played in public you'd risk being laughed at. Frankly, I wouldn't be surprised if they were not, in fact, arranged by an accomplished guitarist (note the absence of the arranger's names on a lot of these books, let alone a notable one) and instead a piano player. As a learning tool maybe these books are worth it, but for anything else ((shiver)).

The tab and chords written in the book seem accurate and the songs are fairly easy to learn for a beginner-intermediate guitarist. The problem I have with the book are some lyrics are incorrect.

There are some slight variations sung in various pubs in Ireland and Scotland but this book has introduced lyrics I have never heard before (If you sung these lyrics in the book to an Irish person they would correct you). But in the books favor the majority of lyrics are correct. I found myself using white out in some parts of the book and writing in the correct lyrics. Also, the main reason I bought this song was for the Foggy Dew. This is one of my favorite songs. I was disappointed to see they did not use the extremely popular rebel song written by Father O'Neill in 1919 after the Easter Uprising. They instead used the song written by Milligan in 1910. Again, walk into any pub in Ireland and ask for Foggy Dew and they will play the rebel version. So, the book was not incorrect they just did not list the popular and widely known version.

I had this sent to me and the first time it did not come with a CD. So I informed about it and they sent me a replacement. When the second one came, it still did not have a CD so I just asked for a refund.... This was a great inconvenience because it was suppose to be a Christmas gift. Just don't state on the website and in the invoice that it comes with a CD, when it clearly doesn't.

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