Selections From O Brother, Where Art Thou: Mandolin
Synopsis

(Fretted). Perfect for beginning to advanced players, this collection contains both note-for-note transcribed mandolin solos, as well as mandolin arrangements of the melody lines for 11 songs from this Grammy-winning Album of the Year: Angel Band * The Big Rock Candy Mountain * Down to the River to Pray * I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow * I Am Weary (Let Me Rest) * I'll Fly Away * In the Highways (I'll Be Somewhere Working for My Lord) * In the Jailhouse Now * Indian War Whoop * Keep on the Sunny Side * You Are My Sunshine. Chord diagrams provided for each song match the chords from the original recording, and all songs are in their original key. Includes tab, lyrics and a mandolin notation legend.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I notice that the guitar edition’s reviews are placed under the mandolin and banjo tab editions as well, so I would just like to say that they are much like the guitar edition. All instrument formats feature exact transcriptions for the songs that feature that instrument (i.e. "man of constant sorrow" and "hard time killing floor blues" are transcribed note for note in the guitar version) often including arrangements of the melody for other songs that may not actually be heard on the soundtrack (i.e. there is no mandolin heard on "big rock candy mountain", but the mandolin book includes an arrangement that sounds nice anyway. Also, many times the mandolin or dobro parts are arranged for guitar in the guitar edition on songs like "you are my sunshine"). btw-For the reviewer who asked, yes Norman Blake’s instrumental version of "man of constant sorrow" is transcribed in full in
the guitar edition, but Blake plays it with a flatpick, not fingerstyle. It is very hard to tell the difference by ear, but offers many bluegrass guitar instructional books that cover this method, known as "cross picking".

If you loved the music in this film as much as I did you’ll enjoy this TAB book for Mandolin. It also happens to include the standard notation in case your wondering. It gives the melody line of the songs for the Mandolin and the selections sound great. I’m still very happy with my copy and glad Hal Leonard took the time to get some more great Mandolin music out there for us to play and enjoy.

Wow, great book for figuring out the mandolin parts to a lot of these songs. Exact note for note transcriptions for many of the breaks and a nice simple chord structure for playing a nice sounding rhythm. With in a few days you can be playing great mandolin versions of Angle Band, In the Jailhouse Now, Sunny Side of Life, and I’ll Fly Away. Also, Indian War Whoop is really a fiddle tune but sounds great on the mandolin using this book. Buy the guitar book to play Big Rock Candy Mountain, You Are My Sunshine, Man of Constant Sorrow, Highways and Hedges, I am weary let me rest, just like on the record.

I found the selections well chosen; some of the music is complicated, some simple and I picked up the music with varying degrees of satisfaction; I use this book often.

A good book to learn the melodies of the movie O Brother. Man of Constant Sorrow staying my favorite piece

The songs in this book are easy to play and they are fun to play. This is a good book for beginners.

This is what it says it is with the songs written as played in the movie, for the most part. I found just a few variations from the movie but it is a great collection of songs, nonetheless. I used it to learn the songs on fiddle for the O Savior, Where Art Thou play which is a parody of the movie and includes many of the tunes in this book with different lyrics.

Great mandolin taps and helpful hints in the back. I am a beginner and use this with my teacher to practice. The songs are challenging but many are accessible for a beginner.