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Simply Brubeck: The Music Of Dave Brubeck -- 26 Of His Top Jazz Classics (Simply Series)



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I'd put this collection at about one degree simpler and three degrees jazzier than most books of Shearing arrangements and a couple degrees easier than Dave's book of arrangements from his Christmas album (which I dearly love). In short: the arrangements here are simplified but sound good, should be relatively easy to sight-read and master for anyone approaching intermediate level while, at the same time, giving improvisers some Brubeck basics to play around with. But don't just take my word for that. Go to the "see inside" feature here and print out the "Audrey" score shown and give it a go. I'd say it's a fair representation of the book as a whole. When shopping this site for piano music I'm often frustrated by not being able to access a contents list. I'm delighted to see that's not the case here, as you can find the complete 26-song list in the product information above.

Unlike another reviewer here, I found that just a little heel-of-the-hand action made the pages lie flat for me. (Maybe it's just that I've gotten so used to having to do that with books like this, I've come to expect it, although I've been known to jump at the chance to buy score books that are spiral bound.)

I grew up listening to my father deciphering and playing the music of Dave Brubeck--not so easy when the time signatures are odd, the scales are chromatic, and the melody, bass, and rhythm are spread across three instruments. Now my daughter is learning piano, and given the level advertised by this book (beginner to intermediate), I thought it would be a great way to expand her horizons beyond 4/4, 3/4, and the occasional 2/4 meter. The arrangements are very well done--definitely on the intermediate side, but not terribly so. A student who has been playing for 1-2 years should be able to reward themselves with at least the main theme after a few hours of work. And for this reason, I'd give the book a solid 4 stars. But the binding...it's the opposite of "lay flat", and woe unto anybody who tries to play from it without serious mechanical help. We have a page-spreading device, and it is barely a match for the binding, even though I have broken that binding in three places--near the beginning, in the middle, and near the end. The book binders were obviously oblivious to the considerations of how the book would be used. So...wonderful content, but not wonderfully executed as a book meant to rest open on a piano.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for prompt delivery! I am very pleased with these arrangements and have added onto numerous selections additional arrangements to lengthen each song. Had me fooled. I didn't think that I would be receiving this book until 2-3 weeks later. What an awesome surprise. I know that the seniors at both long-term care sites will enjoy these selections!! Once again - thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!!

It's an awesome feeling to be able to play the Brubeck songs I've listened to for much of my life! Learning to play piano was on my bucket list; so I started (at 42) taking lessons last year. I have some musical background; so I picked it up fairly quickly. After I burned through my beginner's book, I saw this one and had to order it. It has been my "lesson book" since. I'm having a great time learning and playing these songs, although I think I'm driving my wife and kids crazy because I play them all the time...

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