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reviews. Book is admittedly loaded with material--192 pages of lyrics and guitar chords for 39 ABBA songs, but there is NO MUSIC NOTATION--no clue whatsoever as to the actual melodies. In order to make use of the lyrics or the chords, you must either (1) already know the tunes, or (2) learn them from some other source. I wanted to work out simple solo guitar (guitalele, actually) versions of a few ABBA favorites, which I already knew somewhat. However, being able to "hum a few bars" is NOT a substitute for having all the notes (as well as rhythmic and structural elements) clearly set out in musical notation. It's one thing to have a song in your heart; quite another to know the actual notes. Despite this fatal fault, the book does apparently provide the lyrics to all the song verses, and the guitar chords (with charts) seem adequate. The book states that the keys are the same as in the original recordings (mainly A, D and C), so I suppose you could play along with a recording and learn the tunes in that fashion. Book size is 9-3/4 by 6-7/8 inches, which is less than full music sheet size (since there's no music) but is nicely printed and fairly legible to my ageing eyes. Unfortunately, the binding is far too stiff to use on a music stand or (for lazy players like me) propped open on a coffee table. If you wish to use it while playing, you'll need somehow to remove the pages. Incidentally, I ordered this thinking the price (as stated) was \$13.61 but ended up being charged \$10 more than that. Caveat emptor.

Ah, Abba! What can you say? The pop sound of the seventies, still repeated lovingly at student discos to this day! This songbook brings you complete lyrics and chords to almost all their songs. 70 classic hits specially arranged in the original keys, from the actual recordings.