

Avril Lavigne - The Best Damn Thing Songbook (Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook)

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Hal Leonard : Avril Lavigne - The Best Damn Thing Songbook (Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Avril Lavigne - The Best Damn Thing Songbook (Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. fantasticBy Irene "The best damn thing," mega popular singer Avril Lavigne's third album is packed with fun songs and heartfelt ballads that will appeal to any teen girl. The smash single "Girlfriend" is the first song, and invites you into this album as an energetic and powerful song. "Runaway" is milder in terms of energy and topic, but is fabulous to listen to anyway. "The best damn thing" is reminiscent of cheerleaders, and is just as fun as "Girlfriend." "When you're gone" is one of the first slow, meaningful and almost-sad songs that are included. "Innocence" and "Keep holding on" are similarly categorized, but each unique and show case Lavigne's talent. "One of those girls" and "Contagious" as well as "Hot" are like "Runaway" - catchy and addictive and perfect for

preteens and early teenagers that do not like songs that are overly hyper. I love them all. And then we have "I can do better," "Everything back but you" and "I don't have to try." A bit frantic sounding, but are still a good, quick listen. Out of all of the songs by Avril Lavigne, the most that I like are definitely in this album, as I like every single one. My favorite songs by her is "Girlfriend," "Runaway," "Contagious" and "Keep Holding on." More favorites include "My Happy Ending" and "Complicated," which I believe to be the best songs on her previous albums. Here are my ratings and short descriptions.

- 1) Girlfriend (10/10) Extremely fun and catchy and great as a ringtone
- 2) I can do better (7/10) Not bad, but not a favorite. This is one of those songs where I like the verses better than the chorus, partly because of the lyrics, and partly because of its similarity to some other songs.
- 3) Runaway (10/10) Love this song! Catchy and sticks in your mind long after listening.
- 4) The best damn thing (9/10) Energetic and fun
- 5) When you're gone (10/10) A song that is relatable and shows true vocal talent.
- 6) Everything back but you (8/10) A bit frantic paced, but not bad at all. I don't think it really sounds like her, though.
- 7) Hot (9/10) A lovely song that is both slow and fast and shows her versatility.
- 8) Innocence (10/10) Touching and serious and melodious.
- 9) I don't have to try (8.5/10) Interesting and different, which I like. Just a bit wild for my taste.
- 10) One of those girls (9/10) Perfect for many different audiences and has a great chorus and is surprisingly easy to listen to.
- 11) Contagious (10/10) Another fabulous song that I couldn't get enough of.
- 12) Keep holding on (9/10) Featured in the Eragon movie, this is a great and heart felt song. It feels like Avril Lavigne is really sincere and believes her words strongly. It almost made me cry.

Avril Lavigne shows versatility and a wide vocal range and talent in this album. Perfect for most teenage girls ("Girlfriend," "The Best Damn thing," "One of those girls," "I can do better"), some preteens ("Hot," "When you're gone," "Runaway," "Contagious") and some young adults ("Innocence" and "Keep Holding on"). Many of these songs are appropriate for other audiences. One more note: I've noticed that most reviews that are negative are not written by the target audience.

UPDATE: After listening to this album for several months, "When You're Gone," "Runaway," "Contagious," "The Best Damn Thing," and "Everything back But You," are my favorites, although I still enjoy all of the other songs. Definitely an album I'll still be listening to in the future.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful.

The Album that Made Fans Do a Double-Take

By JC Ravenstone

Avril Lavigne's third album is rather different than her previous two. In general, this album is more raucous, energetic, cocky, and has a bit of a modern pop/punk sound to it. In a word, this album is catchy. It contains her infamously popular song "Girlfriend," which also has it's own single, music video, and has spawned versions of the song that are in languages other than English. Also, she swears more in this album. Be warned. Fans of her first two albums may not like this one as much, since it is so different. Songs like "The Best Damn Thing" and "I Don't Have to Try" may turn some listeners off. The latter even caused someone near me listening to say, "little Avril has lost her mind." Some may be inclined to agree, but most attribute this change in attitude to her marriage. Since she was in "wedded bliss" (as some put it), she was much more playful. I'm not quite sure how seriously some of this album should be taken, but I think it's less serious than her first two albums. In short, Let Go and Under My Skin were more serious, and The Best Damn Thing is more fun (she at least seemed to have a blast making it). If the song "Girlfriend" annoyed you as much as it did me at first, try not to let it put you off too much. Other songs on the album, such as "When You're Gone," "Innocence," and the epic-sounding "Keep Holding On" should redeem some issues you may have with the album. My advice: give the album (or at least some of the songs) a listen. Some of my favorite songs of hers were the ones I never heard on the radio. If you like what you hear upon sampling it, buy the album. If you don't like it, don't buy it. It's not complicated. Personally, I'd recommend the explicit version. If she didn't want strong language in her music, then she wouldn't have put it in. However, if you are opposed to such vulgarity, you can simply buy a censored version. But with this, you get a DVD, the content of which should provide some insight into the process she went through to make this album.

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Five Stars

By Skraps LT

Great Music with hours of enjoyment

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Artist Songbook). Our songbook features piano/vocal/guitar arrangements of all 12 exuberant and hook-laden tunes from Avril's third CD: The Best Damn Thing * Contagious * Everything Back but You * Girlfriend * Hot * I Can Do Better * I Don't Have to Try * Innocence * Keep Holding On * One of Those Girls * Runaway * When You're Gone.