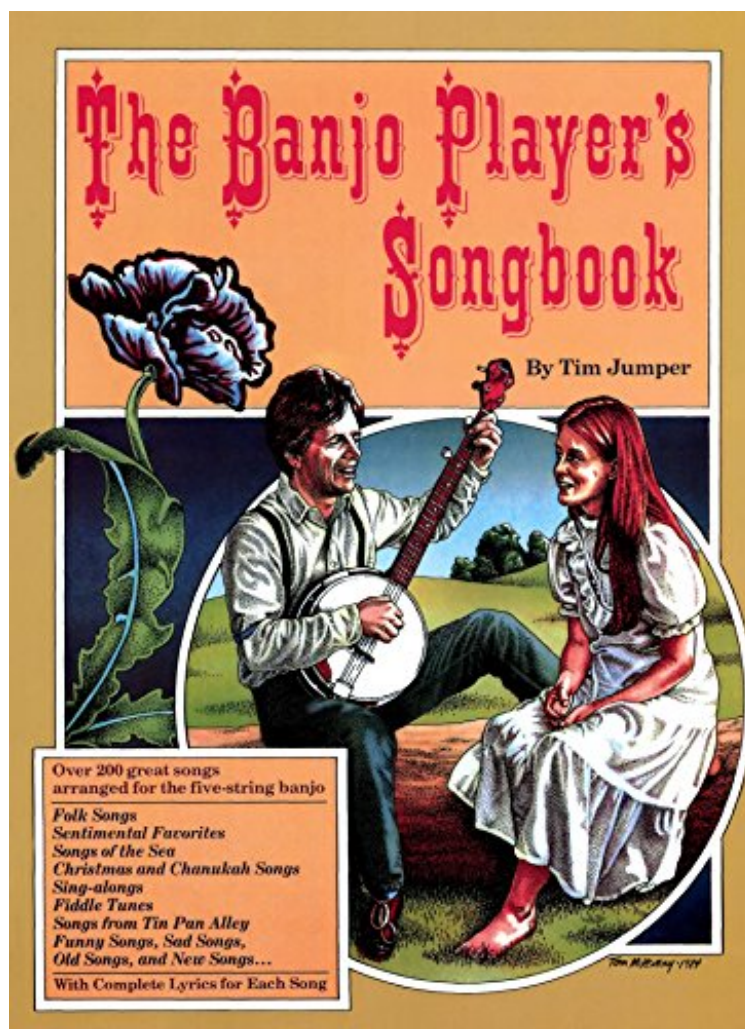


Banjo Player's Songbook

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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great songbook for making learning fun! Almost entirely clawhammer style.By The Screaming QueenI had this book 25 years ago and I loved the simple arrangements that were easy to play by sight, even to me as a beginner. When I recently became reacquainted with the banjo after many years of not playing, I was thrilled to see that this book was still in print. I'm now very happily getting back up to speed by playing simple arrangements of fun familiar tunes. The songs in this book are almost entirely in clawhammer style, NOT bluegrass style. There are a few (Amazing Grace is one, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring is another) that are in 3-finger up-picked style, but they are the exceptions. The rest are in clawhammer style, generally with a lot of bump-ditty strums and some drop-thumb, minimal double-thumb, and minimal up-the-neck fingerings. This makes them generally simple to play for a beginner, and intermediate/advanced players can easily use them as a starting point to

create more intricate arrangements. That said, there is still some variety of difficulty, with a few songs that are extremely simple and a few that are definitely in intermediate territory (especially the chapter of fiddle tunes)4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not really for beginnersBy Michael GagerShort simple review: The book contains a ton of songs, some I have heard of some I have not. The book is organised by topic and everything is presented well enough. I was somewhat disappointed by the tabs for the songs however. The tab is for the melody of the songs and uses a lot of drop thumb technique, which I believe is not very beginner friendly. Some of the tabs dont seem to make any sense musically but I suppose they match what the melody is doing. I think most of the tabs can be used as a starting point to make your own tab. For beginner Clawhammer players I would probably say skip this one until you can figure tabs out on your own or are good with drop thumb2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good for TunesBy Garry PhillipsThis is a good song book with all types of banjo tunes and fiddle tunes. Clawhammer style arrangements which are easy but with enough rhythm to sound good as they are. Of course you can expand on them with your own additions. I put in a drop thumb and change them up or modify the bum diddy. This is perfect for sing along on tunes that your friends and family will know. There are bluegrass tunes, fiddle tunes, Foster tunes and show tunes. Some cowboy tunes and some I did not know but are catchy tunes. There are some drop thumb and different tunnings. I give it 5 stars for simplicity and easy to catch the melody and plenty of room to make you own arrangement if you want too.

Over 200 great songs arranged for the five-string banjo complete with lyrics for each song. Includes folk songs, sentimental favourites, song of the sea, fiddle tunes, and much more.