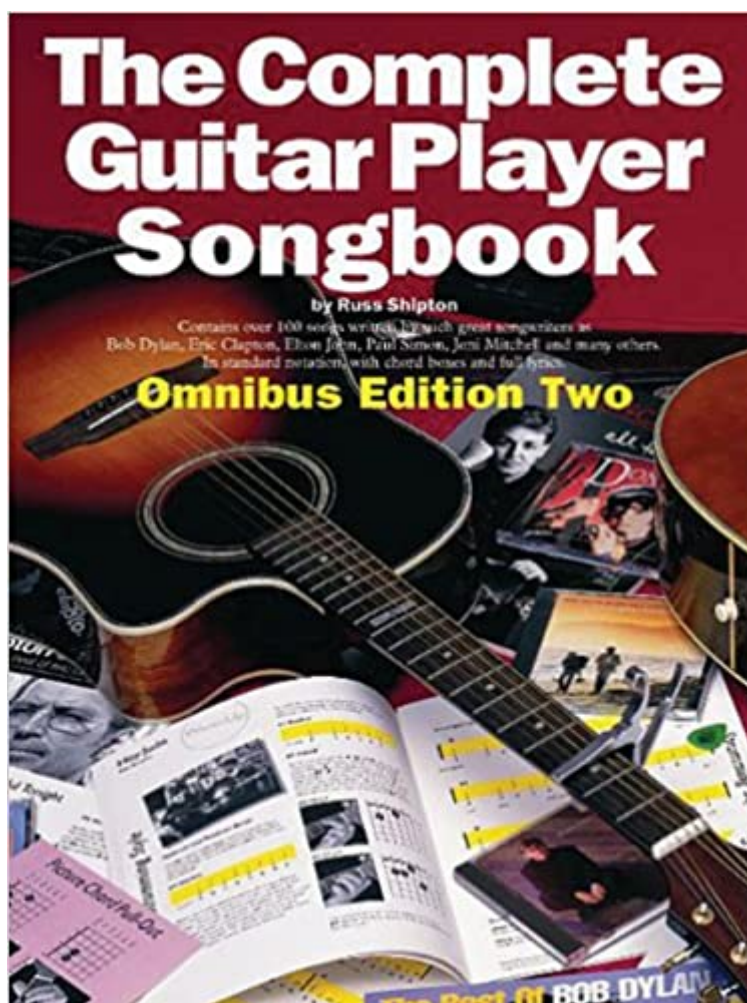


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This compilation of three NEW Complete Guitar Player Songbooks contains over 100 songs written by such great songwriters as Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Elton John, Cat Stevens, John Denver, and many others. Full lyrics are given to each song.

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The combined printing (chord diagrams, staff and tab) is very useful for finger picking. The pages are smaller than typewriter size and the lines are close together so careful marking is required. There is some bleed through from page front to page back which is annoying. If they had used bigger, better paper, I would rate it higher.

I'm taking guitar lessons and we are using a number of songs from this book. It is well organized and each song includes the music notations, chords and strumming patterns or finger picking patterns. An excellent addition to any guitar instruction.

Great for beginner. Simple note patterns and strum patterns that are great for learning. I recommend the book. BUT those who complain about lack of organization are correct. It is poorly organized. AND explanations might help. For example, I have no idea what "T" means in the stroke patterns. Thumb?

Excellent learning tool. I'm half way through. A great way to learn chords and to read music. The book keeps introducing new chords so that I can practice over and over to master.

I should preface this by saying that before buying this book I tried to get the song list from the publisher without success. I'd only seen the previous edition which is ~70 pages shorter. But the organization of the previous edition was a joke. It was a compilation of 4 books slapped together so it was hard to find what you were looking for. So I bought this. It is indeed longer but near as I can tell has only ~2/3 the songs as the previous edition. It is especially frustrating because the songs I was learning from the previous edition aren't in the new "omnibus". The organization also remains ridiculous. For example, on page 202 you will find "Book 3 Page 4" and on the facing page 203 is "Book 2 Pages 12-14". Personally, I don't care what came from what original books, I just wanted a songbook and reference to the original means nothing to me. The songs I've tried, I've liked and I like a lot of the songs in the book. But everyone's tastes are different so I'd check the list of what songs are in the book before you buy it. That is if you can find the list.

"I was disappointed in this edition. The open book depicted on the cover suggests there is detailed strumming information for each song, as was the case with the earlier books, but instead there is only a very small graphic showing the strum pattern. I thought the picture on the cover was misleading."

I sometimes use this book while teaching guitar lessons. It's definitely not a waste of time or money as stated in another review. This book is more of a sampling of material and method as opposed to an in-depth study of each song. You'll have fun learning to play some popular songs. It's worth the money.

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