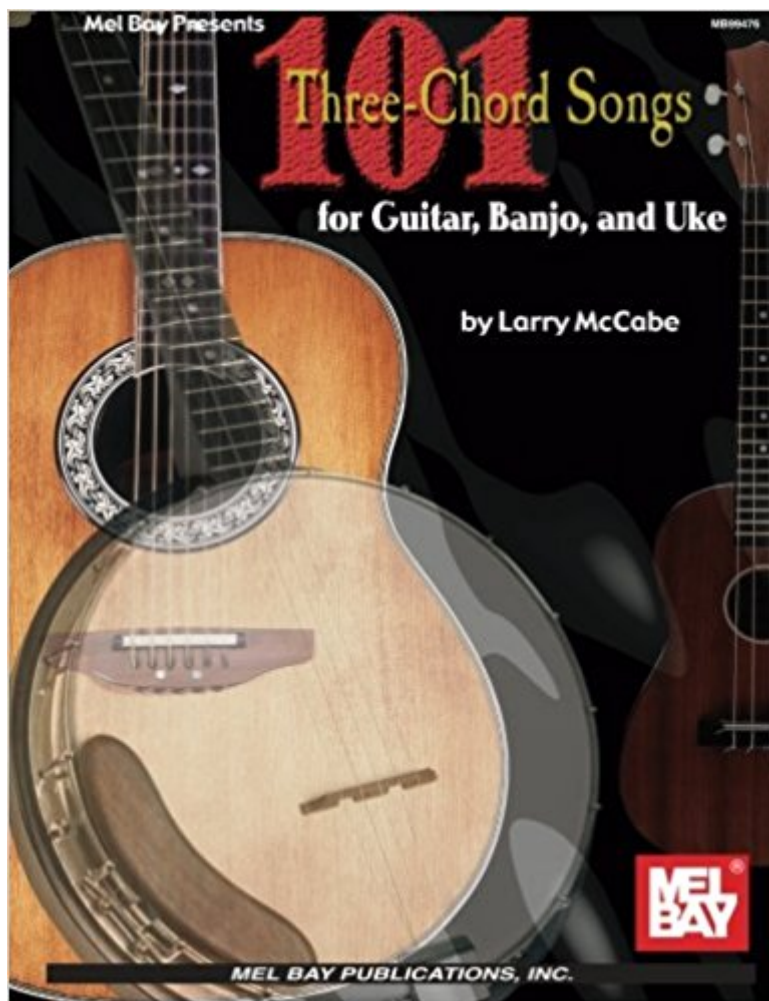


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Mel Bay 101 Three-Chord Songs For Guitar, Banjo, And Uke



Synopsis

You need only minimal playing skills and three chords--G, C, and D7--to accompany all the great songs in this innovative book. If you are just getting started, or if you are a "casual" player on a chording instrument, this is the perfect book for you. The book is absolutely bursting with a great variety of music: Old-time, bluegrass, gospel, Christmas, children's tunes, Stephen Foster, British and Celtic, cowboy, blues, and more. Because melody and lyrics are provided with every song, singers will also enjoy this wonderful collection of the world's favorite songs. Truly a book of outstanding arrangements, made playable for folks who play for their own enjoyment. (Some of these songs, like "Dark Hollow" and "Way Downtown," are hard to find in print.) Guitar, uke, and five-string banjo diagrams are included for the three chords, along with tips on strumming and transposing tips for singers. An invaluable reference book for teachers and pros, too!

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Customer Reviews

I used to check this songbook out of the library, when it was actually in the stacks. It's hardly ever there, so I finally bought a copy off . It is a collection of folk songs that only need three chords to play, while singing the songs. The three chords are the standard C, G and D7 chords familiar to anyone who plays guitar. Larry gives the easy and partial chords and the full version of them for guitar, making it even easier for the guitar guys to use the book. There are many songs that only use these three. So if you are a beginner who wants to do a campfire sing-a-long, or just learn to play and sing a few tunes, this is the songbook for you. Being a neophyte guitar player myself, I find book

to be a blast. The songs are mostly familiar American folk songs, hymns, and a few Celtic songs. It's just fun, and I can see why this book was never in the library. It's strictly for beginners, but it's well done, and anyone with a guitar, banjo or uke will have fun with it.

Okay book of very old songs. If you are looking for some of those old time tunes, this book probably has it! It also has suggestions for chords that give beginners options for easy to play chords. Overall it is a great beginner book, just be advised these are old school tunes!

I'm a beginner banjo player so I can't play very many songs in regular books, but I can do a few things with chords. This is a pretty good book with only 3 chords to play, so if you've mastered them, you can play anything in the book. One problem is that some of the songs don't sound right with only 3 chords, so if you know a few more, you can dress them up a little. Since I started out learning tabulature, I didn't know how to play from notes on a regular music staff, and this helps me learn them. It tells you what string and fret the beginning note to play for the beginning note so that helps a lot. Another problem is I don't know half of the songs in the book so I'm going to get another instrument I know how to play to do the melody first so I know how the tune goes. The book has words for all the songs, and sometimes more than one verse so it's fun for sing-a-longs. Anyone who can play chords can play this book, so it's fun. And the songs are alphabetically arranged so if you are trying to find a specific song, you don't have to look at the table of contents.

Works

The book has a wide variety of song styles and enough songs so that almost anyone would find quite a few they like or love.

I have found many good old songs all in one place that I needed for singing with residents of a nursing home and also for my guitar students, including my own grandchildren, who love this book. The format is large and easy to read, the arrangements are super easy and fun.

I like the concept. I only wish that the tunes were more interesting. They tend to be very old, or very religious. This is a nice means of learning how to use three chords to play a lot of songs, although it is not explicitly taught in the text.

It's okay, but would have liked songs that weren't so old. But the songs are easy to play knowing only three chords.

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