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IZ: The Songbook Collection, Guitar / Ukulele Edition



Synopsis

Seventeen beautiful songs transcribed for guitar and ukulele exactly as played by IZ including his breathtaking version of "Over the Rainbow" as heard on the soundtracks to Finding Forester, 50 First Dates, and "ER." There are also four pages of color photos featuring Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, the Hawaiian singer with an unparalleled voice. Our folio includes: Hawai'i '78 * White Sandy Beach * 'Opae E * Kaleohano * Na Ka Pueo * Hi'ilawe * N Dis Life (In This Life) * Ka Pua U'i * Kuhio Bay * Henehene Kou 'Aka * Panini Puakea * Wind Beneath My Wings/He Hawai'i Au * Starting All Over Again * Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World * Kamalani.

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Customer Reviews

Yes I totally agree with the first review. The only downside to this book is that the chords are written for guitar rather than Ukulele. Well... kinda. There is a note to capo your guitar on the 5th fret to make the chords the same as a ukulele (and the same key as Iz played). But the chord diagrams are still labeled as the lower guitar pitch. So as I play, I see the fingering for a B flat (for ukulele), but it is labeled an F (Because, of course, when you play an F on guitar capoed on the 5th fret, it is a B flat). Guitar players will have no trouble at all, but for us uke strummers, its a little confusing. But don't let this stop you from buying it! Still love the book! Would have rated it 4 1/2 stars if it were possible. Another plus to the book is that all the Hawai'an lyrics are translated into English for all of us haole.

Dakine IZ songbook with fifteen of his hits from various albums. This book, the guitar/ukulele edition, is to the point, just the music, no introductions, although it does have several photos and a table of contents, listing which album each song is from. It assumes that the owner is familiar with Braddah IZ's work and expects a buyer also familiar with reading music. The finger placement charts are a little small, albeit the chord is also listed above the chart allowing the changes to be made with ease. I would have liked this song book to come with a cd of the music alone, that would have been one kine. But as is, a good book with classic songs. Mahalo.

I agree with the majority of what is being said here with one exception, that concerning Guitar vs Ukulele chords being supplied. For those who may not realize it a couple of points: 1. The chord diagrams supplied are actually for the Baritone Ukulele. Look closer and notice that there are two strings in the diagram not used (The E and A strings which are the difference for the Baritone Ukulele). 2. Capo at fret 5 of a guitar or baritone ukulele results in the Standard "C" (G-C-E-A) tuning I believe. In short, what you need for the most part is provided for you with a little insight from you.

I got this book thinking it wasn't going to be too good from the reviews below but I got it anyway and I have to say it is awesome now I can play all of Israel's main songs (over the rainbow is my favorite and now I can play it!!!) I just have to say anyone who has any skill in playing the ukulele and wants to learn to play the famous Israel's music do it!!! it's a great book

I am a huge fan of Iz. Let's get that out of the way and I am a guitar player and have set my sites to learn Uke. I bought this book under the assumption that it was a Uke book, After all it said it was on the cover and description. I was wrong. Sure, I can transpose, I am not musically illiterate but when I spend money for a Tab book of an artist, I expect that I am buying tabs that represent that artist not some interpretation of another artist on a different instrument. Sure wish I could get my money back for the simple reason I do not want the publisher of this book to have my cash. I'll shop around for a better book or simply use the internet. At least the tabs are close.

The book has the chords and tabs for several popular IZ songs, but ALL the chord diagrams and tab diagrams are for guitar. And while yes you could just look at the letter and play the G chord or F chord on an Ukulele, the tab diagrams do not help for finger picking on ukulele.

I'm a beginner ukulele player. Yes the chords are annoying as they do not correspond to ukulele but

to a fretted guitar, but the worst of it is that most of the pages look like a cheap photocopy. I have tried on my kindle as well as my PC and the image is really bad, sometimes impossible to read. I wish I have bought the printed version of the Ukulele tab.

This book is really great for a Baritone Ukulele.. True, it is tuned differently than a soprano or Tenor But if you want to have fun with the Baritone Uku.. This is a great way to go.... I am enjoying mine very much... I recommend this for all Baritone Ukulele players... Rock

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