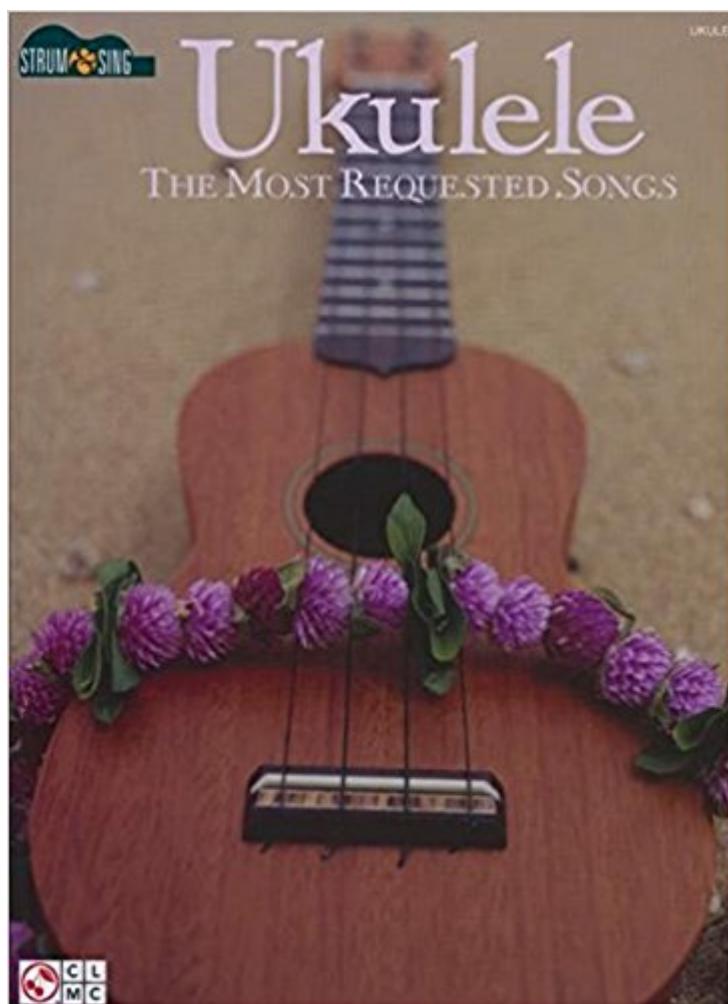


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Ukulele - The Most Requested Songs: Strum & Sing Series (Strum And Sing)



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A part of me is deeply pleased with Ukulele: The Most Requested Songs: Strum and Sing Series, another part of me is deeply annoyed. The page layout is inefficient and hard to use with longer songs stretching out unnecessarily over four or five pages. Each page has huge amounts of white space, which is useful if you plan to write a lot of notes, work out transpositions, and so on, but which makes for a lot wasted pages if you don't. The good part is every chord for every song is

right there on the page, making it ridiculously easy to strum through any song in the book, even if you've never heard it before. I found about a dozen songs that I plan to use this book to practice on and work with, so the book is indeed useful. I just hate having to flip pages even for the simplest songs. The other downside is there are no staff lines, no notes, no tab, no real musical reference at all other than the chords. If you already know the song, this is fine. If you don't, you might want to look it up online and listen to it a few times before you start strumming otherwise you'll wind up with something so entirely different no one will recognize it, including you!

Honestly, I'm a bit disappointed by this book. I'm a new Uke player (& new to string instruments, period), so I was looking forward to the "Strum & Sing" formatting while I am still learning chords & how to transition between chords. Unfortunately, this book has zero instructional-type material at the beginning of the book about how to read the songs in this book. In addition, it does not display tempo/time signature information, nor does it give the actual strum patterns for the songs. It is literally the lyrics for a song (which are sometimes wrong) listed out, with the chords listed above the lyrics (with the chord changes sometimes placed at the wrong places in the song). The one bonus is that the book lists diagrams for the chords that are used in each song... Really, this songbook is really only useful for the small handful of songs in the book that I already have the time/tempo/beat/melody memorized for... Sigh, the search continues for a better Beginner Uke Songbook...

2.5 stars. Not recommended for beginners. The song book is OK for the price (about 8.50 around the time I purchased it). I agree with some of the other commenters - some cons include: too much white space on the pages and there is no musical guidance for the melodies (you have to know the song). Honestly, I would normally overlook these aspects... if you don't know the song you could look it up, listen to it and then learn the melody pretty quickly. My biggest pet peeve is the song selection. The title "Most requested" for ukulele music conjures up famous Hawaiian songs or ones from the movies (like Somewhere over the Rainbow or Tonight you Belong to Me, the latter from the movie the Jerk) or some acoustic guitar songs that are commonly covered on ukulele. Instead, the book has a few nice and familiar oldies (like Cecilia or Leaving on a Jet Plane) mixed in with MOSTLY unexpected or weird additions, including modern pop like the Black Eyed Peas and classic rock... these just don't fit with a ukulele sound. You can play them, have fun and even sing it ironically, but I doubt the average person would request those. So I don't know how they selected these "most requested" ukulele songs. Yes, there are some good songs in there too, but like I said,

it is overall a weird and odd selection. I recommend you review the song list before purchasing to make sure you want to learn at least a few songs, so the purchase is worth it. My second criticism is also related to the song selection; there are only a few truly beginner-friendly songs, as in ones that can be played with only 3 to 5 chords. I was hoping for more. This song book is decent for those looking to expand their repertoire and learn some new songs.

Package came early. So excited the chords are just above the lyrics so it's easy to follow and the print is large only thing is that it is a bit of a hassle trying to keep the book open and playing at the same time. Also there are only a few songs that i would actually prefer to learn but that's an opinion. The book looks professional and the music is easy to follow. Good for a present or for a beginner like me.

It is a cheap addition for the beginner and some songs look to be harder although, some of the songs I have no idea about, (Jack Johnson who?) but you might,, I am a product of the 60's and 70's and find myself doing most of my song searches online, this has some songs I know and like, sometimes though the song goes into the next page, is a deal breaker for me since I am a nubie to ukulele playing. I also bought another which has not shipped yet. Will compare when I get it.

This was totally disappointing! It's called the 50 most requested songs. I'd like to know WHO requests Jack Johnson and Colbie Calet? I have both of these people on my iPod but they have NEVER been requested for me to play, sing or Ukelele! Also, this book ONLY contains the words and chords but not the melody line (so that you can learn a new song if you don't know it already. Very poor representation of a Uke book.

Eh, it's OK. I own lots of uke books, and I think this one will be near the bottom of my pile. It's literally just words with the chord letter above the words. Which, OK, it says "strum and sing," but the song selection is just OK and the some of the keys seem weird for the songs and hard to sing with. We had fun with the version of "Imagine" in this book, but several others we tried and didn't sound like much. I'd skip this one. Hal Leonard has better uke books.

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