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All-American Song Book: Piano/Vocal/Chords



Synopsis

A 144 page community songbook featuring the standards, pops, country, and traditional songs that are identified with our American tastes and personalities.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This is one of the three books we use to select songs to sing to nursing homes. The binding of this used book doesn't move smoothly and thus cannot get 5 stars.

Good songs a variety inside.

This book contains a great assortment of various types of music. I was surprised that it was only 6" by 9" however and probably wouldn't have ordered it if I had realised.

The book was ordered for a Senior choir group called the Silver Sensations. It gave us a larger assortment of songs to choose from old favorites. We are very satisfied.

This book contains quite a collection of "old" songs -- folk songs, standards, even Christmas carols and patriotic tunes! For the price it is a great deal -- love the spiral binding and compact size. The negatives? #1 the print (lyrics) is WAY too small for senior eyes! I lead a senior sing-a-long weekly at our neighborhood senior center and this is the main complaint I get from my songsters when we

use this book. #2 many of the songs are downright SAD songs! If you aren't careful about what you pick to sing, you could be on a real downer because many of the songs are about lost loves, old friends dying, etc. #3 some of the songs are pitched in keys that are too high for the average person to sing, so unless you can transpose music on sight (a very useful skill that is not very common among pianists who read music) some of these songs will be in the "high and squeaky" range. I've searched the internet for comparable books with lots of the wonderful songs from the 20's-40's and even 50's that are so beloved of the senior set... The books I've found are either too big, too expensive, lyrics only (no music), or so limited in their content (when there is such a vast repertoire from which to choose) that they aren't worth the asking price. If I had nothing but time and the right connections, I'd create a senior sing-a-long series myself -- at least half a dozen books! Unfortunately I don't... but somebody should!

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