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The Randy Newman Songbook, Vol 1: Piano/Vocal/Chords



Synopsis

Learn favorite hits from Academy Award-winning songwriter Randy Newman now! The Songwriters Hall of Fame member is known for his classic hits and myriad movie scores. This collection features Randy Newman classics recorded by Newman himself in 2003 and includes the hits songs ""Sail Away"" and ""Political Science."" Play and sing along with The Randy Newman Songbook, Volume 1 now! Music includes lyrics, melody line, and chord changes with professionally arranged piano accompaniment. Titles: Its Lonely at the Top * Gods Song (Thats Why I Love Mankind) * Louisiana 1927 * Let Me Go * Rednecks * Avalon * Living Without You * I Think Its Going to Rain Today * You Can Leave Your Hat On * Its Money That I Love * Marie * When She Loved Me * Sail Away * The World Isnt Fair * Political Science * The Great Nations of Europe * In Germany Before the War * Ragtime.

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Customer Reviews

This a great songbook for the intermediate and above pianist. This book contains the sheet music to Newman's CD, "The Randy Newman Songbook, Vol. 1" (2003).The book begins with a one-page biography of Randy Newman. This is followed by a couple pages of photos and then 4 pages of lyrics. The last section of the book contains the sheet music.The sheet music itself contains accurate transcriptions of each song on the CD. It is not "dumbed-down" and transcribed to the key of C like so many other publications. I was especially excited to see the music for "Avalon" and "Let Me Go," the latter of which was not available until this publication.The music is cleanly printed on

quality paper. Guitar chord diagrams are also provided, although I have not tried the music on guitar. I would not try to tackle these songs as a beginner, but an intermediate player (if you can play something like Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata) should do fine. I would definitely recommend this book to any pianist who is a Randy Newman fan.

To me, Randy Newman and Leonard Cohen are kind of our generation's Ralph Emerson and David Thoreau. True philosopher poets, thinkers of large realities brought into personal focus. And you can really tell Randy has been practicing his piano. The notes are strong, clear and true, just like the words.

This songbook contains Randy's arrangements note for note. If you want to learn and appreciate his material as I do this is the one for you. I am an entertainer myself and I almost always include one of Randy's songs in my show. The people love him.

The arrangements are often accompaniments than arrangements for piano only, but this seems often the case these days. Glad to have access to a broad range of Newman's material.

The music is beautiful and perfect. I'm intimidated by all the sharps and flats but appreciate it NOT being dumbed-down for me.

Great service. This was a gift for my husband. We love the background information.

what a treat this is! Newman's style has a wonderful and unusual texture. I spent a few hours just diagramming the harmonies on Marie and Ragtime. Having the solo piano audio makes this a great resource for pianists. While his songs sound simple - many use parallel sixths with an abundance of counterpoint. None of this is trivial. And of course after following the music and understanding its construction it's possible to begin riffing a bit and changing things up. For a beginner piece check out "leave your hat on" which is pretty much 36 bars of vamping. But it works!

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