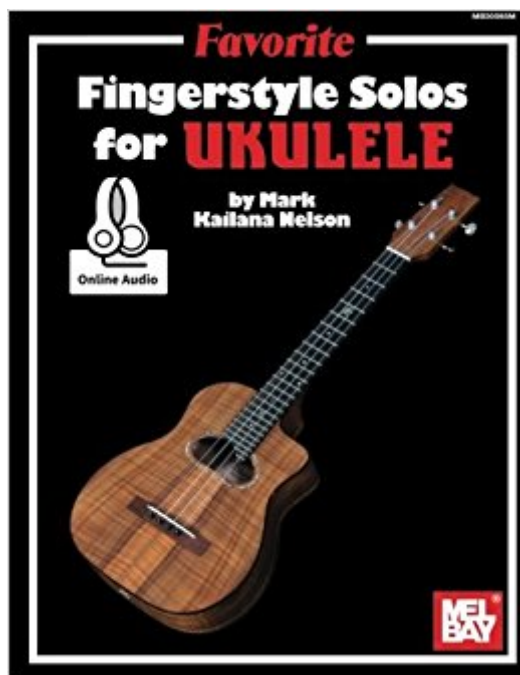




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Favorite Fingerstyle Solos For Ukulele



Synopsis

From the author of Mel Bay's best-selling book, *Learn to Play Fingerstyle Solos for Ukulele*, we are proud to present, *Favorite Fingerstyle Solos for Ukulele*. This book and accompanying audio offer a variety of fingerstyle solos for the ukulele. The music stretches across several styles, including Hawaiian, ragtime, bossa nova, and classical. The solos progress in difficulty, and tips on technique are included along the way. More advanced arrangements introduce chord inversions and different rhythmic approaches for the right hand. Thirty-three arrangements are presented in standard notation and tablature. Transposition charts are included for baritone ukulele. This book comes with access to an online audio recording.

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Customer Reviews

While a couple of these tunes are alien to my ears, the body of the work demands respect. A great learning tool for those moving from chord strums to chord/melody playing. 90% of the arrangements are superb. It is simply a must own book that teaches fingers to play beautiful music.

Great Songs, very playable. I use it in my teaching.

This book is the best fingerstyle solo book on the market. I would advise any ukulele player wishing to advance their technique to purchase it.

Mark is a good teacher and Mel Bay is a good publisher. Put them together and you've got a winner.

I have a lot of tablature books written by Mark Kailana Nelson, and they are all worth having in your collection. Absolutely great, his choices in songs are beautiful, and his performance notes etc make for a very nice way to learn the songs.

I was a little confused when I saw this book. There is another book by Mark Kailana Nelson with an almost identical cover called "Learn To Play Fingerstyle Solos for Ukulele" which I've enjoyed immensely. This book is similar in design: it features fingerstyle arrangements of a different variety of songs in many genres, continuing where the first book leaves off. The publisher might have avoided some confusion by adding a big "Book 2" to the cover because it's rather difficult to distinguish the two books. As you can see from the song list below, most of the songs are in the public domain (meaning the copyright has expired, making each one at least 70 years old) so there are few recognizable titles other than some you might remember as children's songs (Polly Wally Doodle, Waltzing Mathilda, etc.) So if you are looking for songs to bulk up your repertoire for playing professional gigs, you probably won't find much here. But if you are interested in stretching your abilities (and fingers) and want to learn songs that allow you to challenge and hone your fingerstyle technique, this is a very good choice. If you've never played fingerstyle before, you'll probably want to get the author's other book which steps you through the basics of fingerstyle techniques before you dive into this one.

Kahuli Aku'Ulupalakua
Akahi Hoi
Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Daisy Bell 'Ulili
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Take Me Out to the Ball Game
esu Me Ke Kanaka Waiwai
Hawai'i Aloha
Moloka'i Waltz
Polly Wolly Doodle
Koni Au i Ka Wai
Branle
Bonny Sweet Robin
Nonesuch
Volte
Spanish
Waltz
Goddesses
Lagrima
Waltz opus 31 No. 1
Waltzing Matilda
Cielito Lindo
Shenandoah
Si Bheag Si Mhor
Las Blancas Flores
Pua Lilia
Brazilian Tune
The Flea Bag Rag
Polly Wolly Doodle (extended version)
Ukulele King Rag
Solace
autumn
Summer Moon
UPDATE: All and all it's a fun book with a variety of techniques in each song that any decent player should get to know. There are just very few songs here that you would want to play for anyone beyond your immediate family. PS - It always makes my day to know that people find these reviews helpful. If you'd also like to ask a question or leave a comment I usually respond the same day, so if you have a question or comment (even if it's just to say, Hi!) feel free to post it below. Thanks, Claire

its my fault for not carefully reading the descriptive material. The books are written for re-entrant tuned ukes, and I have a low G tuned uke. Makes a big difference in reading the fingering..

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