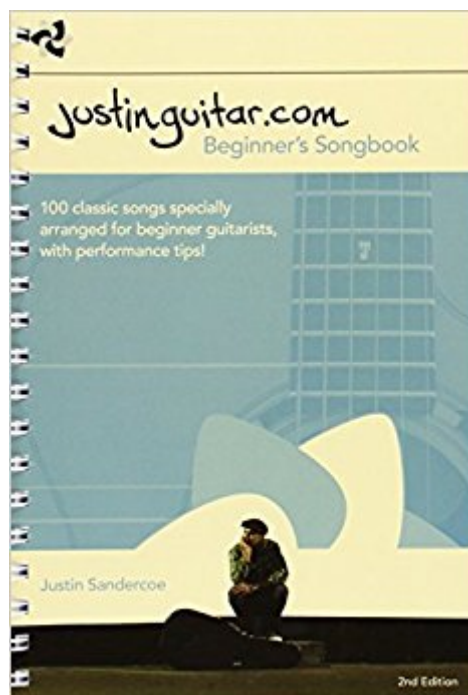




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Justinguitar.com Beginners Songbook: 100 Classic Songs Specially Arranged For Beginner Guitarists, With Performance Tips!



Synopsis

The updated 2nd Edition of the Justinguitar.com Beginner's Songbook is now spiral bound for easy reading and page turns, while remaining the same compact size for jamming on the go. Established as the ultimate songbook available for beginners, the Justinguitar.com Beginner's Songbook - 2nd Edition is the perfect complement for Justin Sandercoe's revolutionary online lessons which are used by hundreds of thousands of people across the world. Now you can learn to play 100 classic songs as your playing develops through the course. The book includes: Complete lyrics and chords to 100 songs by artists such as The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Johnny Cash, Simon & Garfunkel, Jeff Buckley, Crowded House, Mumford & Sons, Kings of Leon, Nirvana and many more. There are 10 songs for each stage of the Beginner's Course, building up from easy three-chord songs through to more advanced tunes. Tuition notes for each song by Justin advising you on strumming patterns and chord changes, with diagrams to illustrate all the chord shapes you need.

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Customer Reviews

This songbook is most helpful as you take his online course, but I'm sure it would be helpful even if you aren't. When you get a good teacher like Justin, you realize how many mediocre-or even bad ones you have had to endure. The book has the lyrics and music (guitar chords) along with suggested strumming patterns. You also get his help online on his website, justinguitar.com, or on YouTube. He plays the songs on video where you can play along with him. I get the feeling that I have a personal teacher who cares, (he has a friendly manner) is organized, never patronizing,

doesn't skip steps, and has had years of musical training and experience. It probably doesn't hurt that he lives and works in one of the musical capitals of the world-London. Some of the songs I didn't know such as Lennon's "Working Class Hero" and "Common People" by the Pulp. I enjoyed reading the lyrics which weren't the usual love songs. They tell an interesting story and have social significance. However, there are more "popular" songs too. Enough songs to keep you going and interested. If a beginner like me without a good musical education, your musical terminology will improve as you start each song. For example, in the first songs you are introduced to the use of capos and what off-beats are. The book is more than a book, it's a musical journey. One that is just right-not too easy-or too hard. You can do it, but you grow as you keep learning and trying. There is a forum on his site where he answers questions and other learners share their experiences playing the songs. Also where he didn't play a song, I found a student of his playing the song on YouTube, and it helped me a lot. Where else do you get a songbook and a free forum (a community of people like yourself) asking questions, sharing difficulties and getting advice from Justin and the other guitar learners?

I doubt my words will do this whole system justice but I can honestly say this is the best beginner's system I have used (I'm using)... This along with Justin's free online system has done more for my guitar skills and fun than all the other guitar resources I have tried before combined. I initially bought a few books just to contribute to Justin's generous cause, but didn't really think they would be needed as all this is online after all right?... but no, they have actually really helped further my skills along much faster. Just having the song book available when you get the time to play helps a lot (get the ring bound one if you can). The songs are arranged from easy beginners chords and layer up as you go through the book. but they really work best with the website where Justin plays and teaches you how to play them then adds a few tricks and skills to advance each song too, so try watch all the songs even if you're not too interested in the song because there are gems of wisdom in them all. (I drew the line at Britney Spears tho ;)) I got hooked to the website and got the books to supplement the training, Sadly I played so much in the last 3 months that I now have guitar elbow, so watch out! (Not his fault of course... or is it? ;)

I decided to learn guitar at the young age of 70. I discovered Justin's site on the internet and have been working my way (slowly) through his beginner's course. I was frustrated at not being able to find good sheet music for the songs in his course. His book, Beginner's Songbook, is excellent. It gives you more help than any other source I have found. I would recommend it to anyone trying to

learn to play the guitar.

This is an incredible book!!! I have bought many "learn to play guitar" books and have always ended up disappointed as they are too difficult and only have one genre of songs. This book has stages that introduce new chords, then have a number of songs that are in that stage, so that you can progress throughout the book. The songs are varied and it's great to have on hand for jamming- lots of variety in the songs- from Tracy Chapman to Don Mclean to Creedence Clearwater to Britney Spears and Eagle- Eye Cherry. There's also tips on how to play each song, strumming patterns for the song, and it pairs so well with justinguitar.com 's free lessons online. I have improved more in a month than in the last 8 years of "wanting" to play guitar and not really knowing how to progress and what to practice. Very pleased and I can't wait to buy Volume 2!

Very helpful. After two weeks I am already playing a few tunes. I'm 54 and just starting guitar after playing bass for years. glad it doesn't assume anything. Great introduction to the guitar. I am only a few lessons in, but love the explanations and diagrams. song selection is also good. The spiral bound version makes the book stay flat on the music stand; definitively the way to go.

The songs are not necessarily the same as the original song and are designed to help you with basic chord changes while providing fun song melodies. I think this is an awesome book for that purpose. If you are looking for a song book that shows you exactly how to play a song, this is not for you. The variety of songs is good, so there is something for everyone. What I especially like is that since the songs are simplified and only use the chords that correspond with the various lessons online or in his book, you can start applying them to familiar melodies without getting frustrated trying to play chords or embellishments that are for more advanced players. I will probably buy his other songs books and will definitely purchase more of his lesson material (even though a lot of it is free online, I like having books too and DVD's are just simply a better quality than streaming video).

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