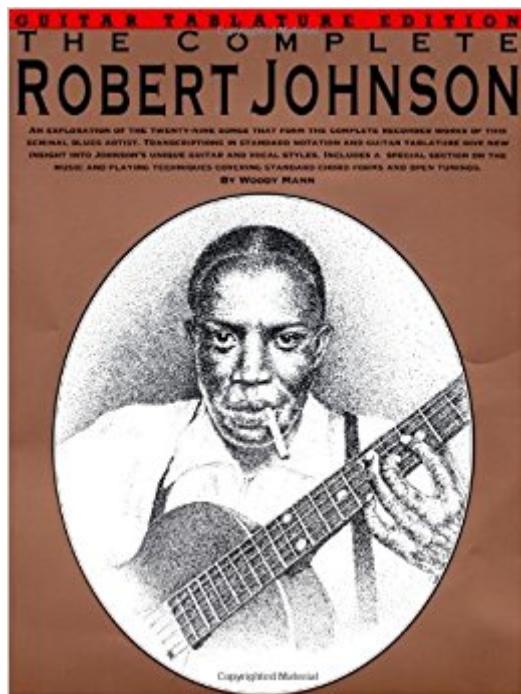


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# The Complete Robert Johnson



## **Synopsis**

Twenty-nine songs that form the complete recorded works of this seminal blues artist. Includes: Come On In My Kitchen, Crossroad Blues, Hell Hound On My Trail, Walkin' Blues, Malted Milk, and Sweet Home Chicago.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A couple of words on the reviews below: this edition DOES indicate the tunings each song is played in, and in the tablature, indicates the exact voicings as well. OK, the five-line musical notation might not, but if you're reading that, you're not a real bluesman in the first place - everyone knows bluesmen don't read music. But seriously, on that point, Robert Johnson isn't meant to be played note perfectly - if you listen to his own recordings, you'll see he didn't play it the same way twice himself. So what this book gives, a pretty accurate verse and chorus from each of his songs, should be more than enough to get you on your way. And if it isn't - if you don't immediately feel imbued with the spirit of the great blues masters, then here's what you do - to hell (ahem) with a note perfect transcription: just head down them cross roads at midnight...

Mann doesn't muck around too much trying to help you play EXACTLY like Robert Johnson but a serious study of this book should be all you need to play Robert Johnson songs (as opposed to playing like RJ).

what can one say about Robert Johnson....this is a pretty good book and easy to read notes and tab..leaves you room to feel it yourself..long time player

This book is NOT a companion to the box set recordings that feature all of Johnson's songs and alternate takes. This book has a partial arrangement every song, but not every take. The arrangements are not complete, and varies from song to song. There is not much guidance on playing, just the transcriptions. This may leave many people puzzled about how to approach the tunes, especially with using a slide and the alternate tunings and fingerings. Take a look at some of the other books available. Robert Johnson: The New Transcriptions is a much more complete effort, with accurate tunings and capo positions. Robert Johnson: At the Crossroads is a prior edition of the same book, and may be found a little cheaper.

None of the songs are complete. They don't contain any outros which leave you hangin'. They don't have all the lyrics. They don't have any of the capo placements. I don't mean to be entirely negative but they shouldn't advertise the word "complete" in the title if it's not. I love Robert Johnson's music and I was anxious to learn the COMPLETE songs. Instead I only learned the intro and the first verse of each song from this book. I've had to figure out the capo placements and the rest of the songs by listening to his cd which is extremely difficult and the reason why I bought this book in the first place.

Woody Mann does his usual fine job here as he teaches aspiring guitarists to play in the style of the blues master Robert Johnson. Not for beginners, but more experienced players will learn a great deal from these well-notated transcripts.

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