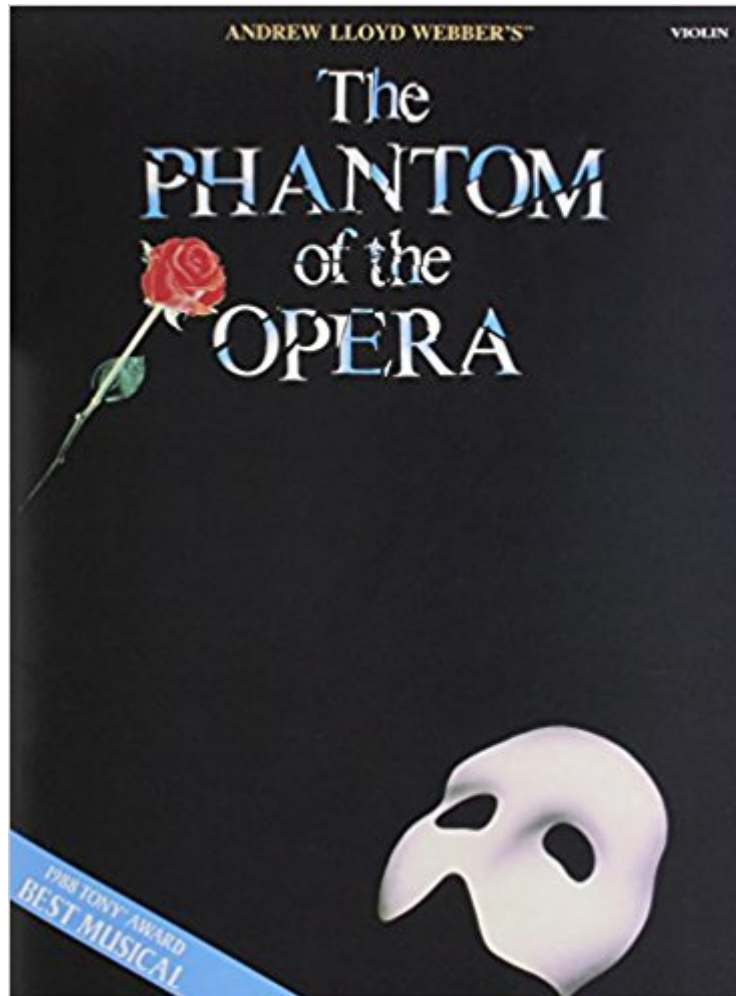




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PHANTOM OF THE OPERA THE VIOLIN



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Customer Reviews

The problem with books like this, is the notes always appear to be from higher register instruments; possibly a flute. Whoever prepares the books simply takes notes from woodwind sections and slaps it together to call it a violin solo book. Most of the songs simply begin too high and it is then up to the violinist to adjust the piece. 'All I ask of you' is a perfect example. It begins on the A string D (3rd finger), which is not at all how the song is sung or should initially sound. The player has to shift the pitch to either the open string D or 4th finger D (for vibrato purposes) in order to have a nice build from low to high throughout. So all in all, it's a good book in order to get the notes if playing by ear isn't your thing. Just know you will need to make adjustments to play the song as it is sung. I have given three stars because inconveniences like this ought to never happen in a properly put together (and thoroughly researched) book for any instrument.

When I purchased the book, I didn't realize how simple the music would be. Even so, I really enjoyed playing through the whole book. It seems to be lacking in dynamic notations, and I feel they could have done more with the notation itself, adding more slurs where needed. Very plain, but still

fun. I'd say a middle schooler could perform everything in there. Everything is pretty much in first position with the exception of a few short parts in third position that would be easily doable for someone of a middle schooler's skill level.

I wish it had more of the songs inside, but it was still a very nice addition to my sheet music!

I'm in my late 20s and I always wanted to play the violin, so 6 months ago, I bought one and began to teach myself using the Essential Elements 2000 series. I've been looking for music books to help introduce some variety into my everyday practice routine. I love the music from The Phantom of the Opera, which helps, because I know what the songs should sound like! It stays mostly in 1st position; a few notes here and there go above (which I haven't gotten to yet), but the notes are easy enough to figure out how to play and it doesn't happen too often. If you want to play along with the movie soundtrack, you won't get very far- the songs are in a different key, so you can't effectively play with it. For someone just starting out like me, this book is great- simple (yet still challenging in some parts) and good for variety in an everyday practice routine. For more experienced players, this book is probably too easy.

I recently began violin lessons, after years of playing the piano and guitar. The other reviewers are right: this is definitely easy violin music. Most of the songs are in first position, and in the basic keys. Although it may be remedial to some players, it was absolutely perfect for me. It's great to supplement what I'm learning in my lessons, and the songs sound beautiful even with my inexperienced playing.

Just as expected!

These arrangements are approachable while still maintaining the recognizable melody from the musical. Do be aware that the songs vary in difficulty and several require notes in third position and beyond. I've been playing for a few months and can play several while others remain beyond my ability. It really does help to have songs I enjoy and am familiar with, so that I know when I'm off with the fingering or bowing.

Well, I'm no expert but I was expecting a little more challenging sheet. Overall it's a great print version, easy to follow not too complex. Sadly there is no Piano accompaniment that's a shame! 10

Songs for almost 7 dollars it's a great deal I'm sure beginners will love it! (I'm a N00b too so..but still can handle 3rd position just now and I want to put it on practice) Mainly I love the music of the night and that was my reason to purchase it, but I'm sure all fans will love it.

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