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Selections From Star Wars For Recorder (Music Is Fun)



Synopsis

Written for easy recorder, this book features big, easy-to-read notes, a beginner's guide to playing the recorder, and a clear, simple introduction to reading music. Seven of the most well-known Star Wars themes and melodies are included. Titles: Star Wars (Main Theme) * May the Force Be with You ("The Force Theme") * The Imperial March ("Darth Vader's Theme") * Princess Leia's Theme * Duel of the Fates * Yoda's Theme * The Throne Room.

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Customer Reviews

If I had my recorder now, I could start to play--but alas that order is coming later (by the way, this is only a music book...the recorder does look like it comes with it, but it doesn't). This book, along with giving the music from Star Wars, also gives the basics. It labels the parts of a recorder, gives instructions for how to care for it, and talks about fingering. It gives you an introduction to notes, rests, staves, treble clef, notes, measures, bar lines, double bars, accidentals, fermatas, ties, time signature, repeat signs, D.C. al Coda, and has a fingering chart for all the notes the recorder seems able to play. Essentially, it gives you the information most beginning music books offer--which is nice for a beginner or for those of us who need to brush up on it. It gives you practice songs Beethoven's Ode to Joy and the French Folk Song Alouette. It writes the note names inside the notes for easier playing...though I don't always approve of that because it is better to learn the notes by sight. Still, it is a small complaint. The songs come from both the original trilogy and new trilogy. I

haven't been able to play them yet, as I mentioned that this arrived before the recorder did. However, going from memory (I used to play the flute) of what notes sound like, it seems like it gives a recognizable version. The songs it plays are: Star Wars main theme, The Force Theme, The Imperial March, Princess Leia's Theme, Duel of the Fates, Yoda's Theme, and The Throne Room. It has some black and white pictures from the movie too. This book is pretty good for a beginner to intermediate student. You will have to practice a lot before you can play some of the songs--and know your flats and sharps quite well. Oddly enough, one of the hardest songs to play is Imperial March (you wouldn't think the Darth Vader theme could be so difficult, but it is actually a complicated song). Duel of the Fates rather loses something--apparently that song is more impressive when played with several instruments together.

This is a pretty cool book. The only problem is that they expect you to play easy songs like Ode to Joy and then right after that they want you to learn all of the fingers for recorder. Then the main theme is the next song which has sharps and flats. Luckily, recorders are very cheap and easy to play.

It's a fun book, great to get kids interested in music. My son who learned the recorder for a few months from school were able to play the songs by himself, of course he is a star wars fan! Not all songs are from Star Wars... :)

I love these songs and love that it's put together, but there's no way these are "easy." I teach recorder, and there are accidentals like crazy, of course. But more troubling are the high notes! I can't hardly get them out without a terrible squeak, let alone a beginner.

My son learned to play recorder at school, this was a gift since he is also really into Star Wars. The notes are clearly written and easy to follow. His teacher has even taught some of the students a few songs when she borrowed the book.

Purchased for my son who loves Star Wars. He recently received a recorder and wanted to actually learn to play some songs. The songs are simple to follow and look as if he will be able to pick up rather easy. Star Wars is a huge hit in our home and it is much better to listen to than Mary had a little Lamb.

I'm a newbie with recorder, while this has simple melodies to play, I am having a hard time hitting the higher notes. This doesn't say much about the music, but rather my skill level. If you are a star wars fan and already play the recorder, you may enjoy this book.

As a gift for my 9 year old grandson, this product was a hit! His progress with his recorder lessons and ability now to read music is all the more evident. He plays the recorder extremely well and is very happy to play these melodies for his Star Wars crazy family! I chose this along with the Disney Collection and I couldn't have made a better choice.

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