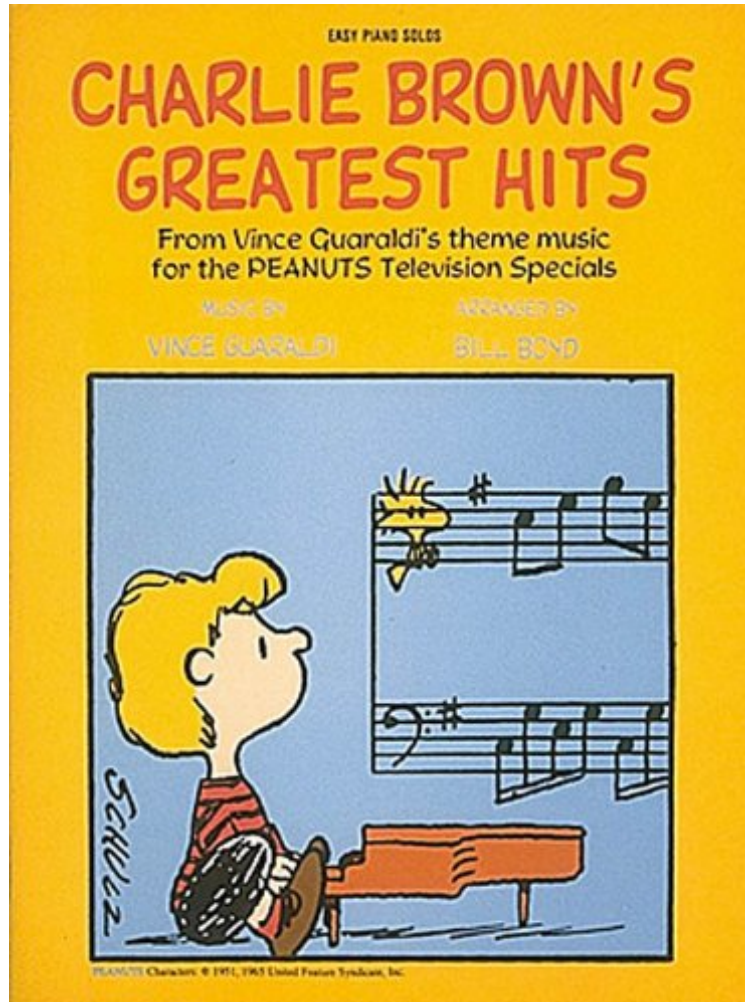


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Bill Boyd : Charlie Brown's Greatest Hits (Easy Piano Songbook) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Charlie Brown's Greatest Hits (Easy Piano Songbook):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good book for newbies By Carl Franklin, JD/PhD Like most who love these songs, I first learned them from the Peanuts television specials. Over time I've learned the name of the composer and built a great collection of his original work and performances. When I decided to learn keyboard this was one of the first books I bought. So far, I am very happy with the book and would recommend it for anyone who loves these songs. There are a few caveats, though. Fortunately I have some experience with other musical instruments, so as an adult piano student I'm able to move a little faster than most beginning students. That means that I can enjoy this level of work much quicker, but some may not be able to. A true beginning student may find this work a bit

daunting. An intermediate to advanced beginning student who puts in the effort will find this book very challenging and useful. In other words, while some might consider this a good "beginning" book, I think it is actually a more moderate to advanced beginner level. Because it is based on advanced skills by the composer (Vince Guaraldi) and only arranged for this level student there's really much more to the songs than initially thought. So don't get frustrated if you are like me and maybe buy this book a little before you are ready for it. Let me illustrate how this is important with two songs. The most well-known is probably "Linus and Lucy" and everyone will identify very quickly the distinctive base line. The line is not overly complicated, but if you are not comfortable with the left hand then you will find it difficult to keep going at times. What helped me was to take the book and combine it with a couple well done instructional videos on YouTube. As an example, the Piano Guy, the same guy from public television, has a couple pieces on YouTube that were very helpful. The hints/tricks in these videos helped me learn this piece much faster than I would have alone. Unless you have an instructor over your shoulder, the pieces in this book will need some extra effort -- which may include outside sources such as YouTube. In contrast, the song "Oh, Good Grief!" was one that really caused me to struggle a lot. I could not find a good YouTube example with instruction, so I got frustrated pretty quickly. In fact, I'm actually setting it aside until my skills grow a bit. This song, in my opinion, requires a moderate to advanced player to really grab it and make it sound great. If you are a new or moderate beginner then this song, along with a couple others, will really challenge you and probably be too advanced. I'm not sure I would recommend this for beginners but at the same time anyone familiar with the songs and willing to put in the effort can find a lot of enjoyment; even if they're relatively new to the instrument. I think the value is good and it is worth the purchase price. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not too easy, not too difficult - true intermediate. By Todd Webb. Not too easy, not too difficult - true intermediate. Some tricky syncopation, grace notes, one hand octaves, some chords. It takes a little work, but I, a self-taught hobby player, can get through it. It's really fun music. The arrangements are simplified versions of the actual Guaraldi music, so some of it lacks. My goal is to eventually play the real thing, so this book is a good stepping stone. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great arrangements for the intermediate pianist. By Dean. Great arrangements for the intermediate pianist. They are sufficiently complex enough to retain the Guaraldi sound and feel, but not too difficult for the intermediate player. I enjoy this book every day.

(Easy Piano Songbook). Easy piano arrangements of 8 songs: Blue Charlie Brown * Charlie Brown All Stars * Charlie Brown Theme * Christmas Time Is Here * Linus and Lucy * Love Will Come * Schroeder * You're in Love, Charlie Brown.