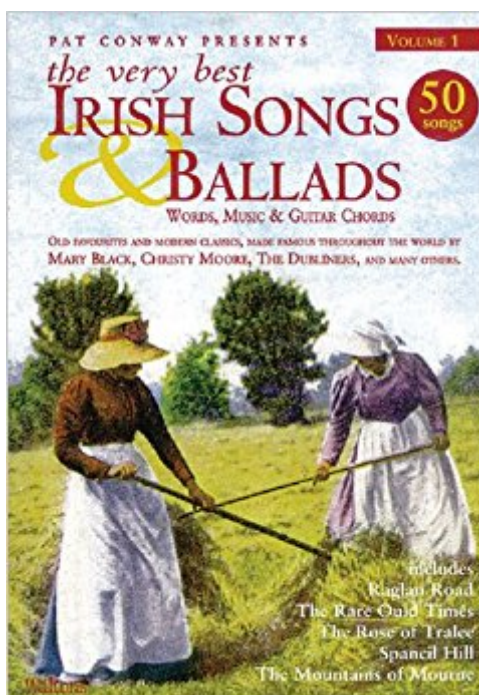


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This is a very nice collection of Irish songs. The book is just larger than half a sheet of copy paper and not terribly thick. It does have many interesting photos to give the book some character, and the lyrics and music are easily read. I have some trouble getting the book to lay open flat, but that is not a real problem, so I am keeping at 5 stars. Overall, the construction and quality of the book is great, and the content is as advertised (you can see the songs included in the "look Inside" feature). I have 3 of the 4 books in this series and they are all quite wonderful.

As far as fakebook style music goes, this is a good choice for people who enjoy playing Celtic songs. It has single-note melodies and chords, so it works for piano, guitar, and fiddle (and kind of works with the tin whistle). I bought the book for a specific song, "The Rare Old Times", but the whole thing has proved to be fun. Like most traditional Irish music, many of the songs have a self-deprecating humor set against haunting melodies. To paraphrase what one poet said of the Irish, "All their wars are merry, and all their songs are sad." I am very satisfied with this book. If you and your family like to sing songs around the campfire, or if you simply enjoy Irish ballads, you consider purchasing the books in this series.

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