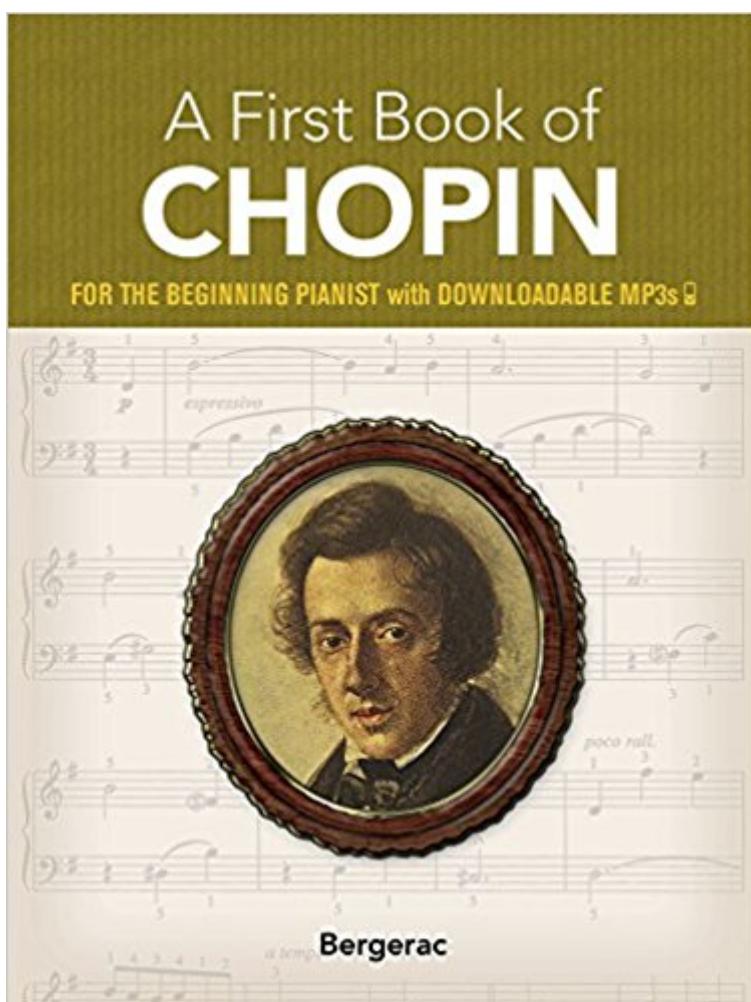


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A First Book Of Chopin: For The Beginning Pianist With Downloadable MP3s (Dover Music For Piano)



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their playing list however the pieces are much too short only a page of a multi paged masterpiece, but it still is a great book loved it.

Great for beginners

Great beginner book

-----This is the perfect book if you are a beginning pianist and are interested in learning the music of Frédéric Chopin. NOTE: These are 'Easy' Piano Arrangements. There are a total of 23 titles with 2 of the titles revisited later on: Prelude, Op. 28 no. 7 Mazurka, Op. 67 no. 2 Total = 21 unique songs (listed below) As a beginner to Chopin's music, I also purchased the following two CD's: Chopin: Greatest Hits contain 10 songs from the book and Chopin: Favorite Piano Works contain 6 songs for a total of 13 unique songs. (3 overlap) .. including: CHOPIN GREATEST HITS: Polonaise for piano No. 3 in A major ("Military"), Op. 40/1, CT. 152 Waltz for piano No. 6 in D flat major ("Minute"), Op. 64/1, CT. 212 Fantasy-Impromptu for piano in C sharp minor, Op. 66, CT. 46 Nocturne for piano No. 2 in E flat major, Op. 9/2, CT. 109 Prelude for piano No. 7 in A major, Op. 28/7, CT. 172 Polonaise for piano No. 6 in A flat major ("Héroïque"), Op. 53, CT. 155 Etude for piano No. 3 in E major, Op. 10/3, CT. 16 Prelude for piano No. 20 in C minor, Op. 28/20, CT. 185 Prelude for piano No. 15 in D flat major, Op. 28/15, CT. 180 Piano Sonata No. 2 in B flat minor, Op. 35, CT. 202 Marche funèbre CHOPIN FAVORITE PIANO WORKS: Fantasy-Impromptu for piano in C sharp minor, Op. 66, CT. 46 Nocturne for piano No. 2 in E flat major, Op. 9/2, CT. 109 Waltz for piano No. 3 in A minor, Op. 34/2, CT. 209 Waltz for piano No. 9 in A flat major ("L'adieu") Op. 69/1, CT. 215 Ballade for piano No. 1 in G minor, Op. 23, CT. 2 Polonaise for piano No. 6 in A flat major ("Héroïque"), Op. 53, CT. 155 Each song in the book is also preceded by a paragraph with background details. For example from the first song: "This is The seventh Prelude from Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op. 28, composed when he was 26. The music is really a delicate waltz, made up of rhythmically identical two-measure phrases. Originally in the key of A major, this version states the melody alone in the easier key of G major, then adds a simple bass line. The music is light, airy and elegant." Here is the complete song list and the introduction from the title page: "Chopin knows what sounds are heard in our fields and woods," wrote a critic. "He has listened to the song of the Polish villager and he has made it his own." But the composer's adopted

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