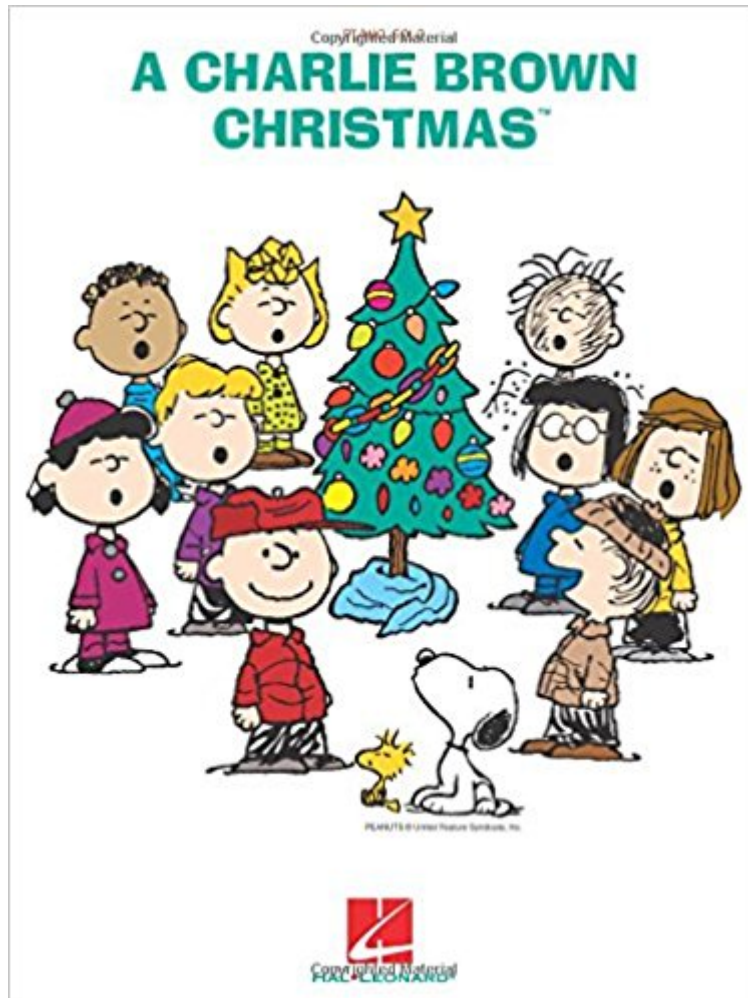




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# A Charlie Brown Christmas



## Synopsis

(Piano Solo Songbook). This deluxe collection features arrangements of all ten Vince Guaraldi arrangements from this annually anticipated holiday classic: Christmas Is Coming \* The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) \* Christmas Time Is Here \* Fur Elise \* Hark, The Herald Angels Sing \* Linus and Lucy \* My Little Drum \* O Tannenbaum \* Skating \* What Child Is This. It also includes a stunning color section featuring Peanuts illustrations!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

There are a few different versions of this songbook, and unfortunately the reviews seem to be confusing as some people said it was very easy while others said it is extremely difficult. Some reviews are even for the soundtrack CD! How do you know which one you're getting, when all the reviews are lumped together??? I wanted to make sure I was getting a version for my child was neither too easy nor too difficult. I did a little research on Sheet Music Plus. Just make sure to check the ISBN number on the version you are ordering off . Here are the descriptions:ISBN 0634029827 Piano/Keyboard - SMP Primer Level (Early Elementary) Very beginning music. Five-finger positions with no chords and almost no hand position movement. This book has duet part for the teacher.ISBN 0634029800 Piano/Keyboard - SMP Level 4 (Intermediate) Introduction of 4-note chords and sixteenth notes. Hand movement covering 2 to 3 octaves.ISBN 0634029797 Piano/Keyboard - SMP Level 7 (Late Intermediate) 4 to 5-note chords in both hands and scales in octaves in both hands.

This is the 5 finger version. Melody is childlike and chords for duet note to play two octaves higher by the student. So it looks (and plays) like junk to me. Nothing like the music unless it IS played as a duet possibly. But then, I'm not a single duet. Unless I am missing something - I don't see it. Update - if you look below the simple version the actual score for what we hear always played is the much smaller font score below. So if you look really hard the notes are there. Dumb idea here but it does work but with lots of squinting.

Great songbook! I picked this up to play some of the songs for a Christmas dinner this year. The arrangements seem very true to the recording, aside from all of Vince's fancy solos, which I'm not really up to playing anyway :) There is something magical about being able to play the opening to O Tannenbaum, just like on the record. Very pleased with my purchase. I purchased the Kindle version and was able to view it on my iPad for practicing using the Kindle app. Saved a few bucks, got access right away, and was able to start practicing. This review is for this version: A Charlie Brown Christmas(TM) Songbook which is the "advanced" version of this songbook. If you are looking for the arrangements that are true to the recording, this is the one you want. Cheers!

This review is in reference to how this book is linked on . In an effort to purchase the original songbook of piano solos, I mistakenly purchased this 5-finger edition because it is listed as the Kindle version of the songbook. It's obviously not; it has a different ISBN number and is a 5-finger version of a late-intermediate piano skills book. It's unfortunate that I can't get my money back for a mistake that has on its website; it's not like I will be using an ebook for a 5-finger piano book (if it were printable, I might be able to use it for a student, but for personal use, it was a waste of \$8.) And now I still have to pay for the hard copy! Disappointed.

Unlike some of the other recent reviews, I got the one with the full Guaraldi transcriptions -- the one I wanted. I think the confusion stems from having three different editions. Click "show other formats and editions", and make sure you have one that does not say "Easy Piano" or "Big Note Piano". There isn't a red or brown box on the top in the picture, just "piano solo" in small print. ISBN is 9780634029790.

Here is all the wonderful Vince Guaraldi music from the famous Peanuts Christmas special, "A Charlie Brown Christmas". You don't get the improvisations, or of course, the trio accompaniment. But the piano part sounds wonderful, and with some practice, sounds so much like the music from

the show that it is very rewarding to play. As far as I know, every number is included, especially the famous "Linus and Lucy". What a blast to play! The format is good, large pages, clean, dark printing, easy to read. This is not easy piano by any means. Everybody's grading system varies, but my estimate is that these pieces are firmly in the intermediate level, with some pieces possibly early advanced. If you play at that level, and love the music from that heart-warming show, you will not regret your purchase. I don't think you have to be an expert in jazz at all to play this music, as the pieces are so familiar you probably will find you fairly quickly pick up the feel for how to make it sound good. Definitely recommended.

Who doesn't love Vince Guaraldi's iconic music for "A Charlie Brown Christmas"? This is a very accurate arrangement of what you have already heard in the Christmas special. A word of warning: I have taught these pieces over the years. While they are all easy to play physically, the intricate syncopation and use of ties (I'm thinking of "Linus and Lucy" and "Christmas is Coming") should make the pianist take pause and consider: if they are still in method books, find a simpler arrangement, the rhythmic detail is pretty daunting. If you still wish to proceed, take out a pencil and write in the counts (1+2+ etc), otherwise all you will probably have is a close approximation of the rhythm and feel for the music. Spend the time to count some of these pieces out with pencil in hand. You'll thank me for it. :- ) Great book! Snookie

After reading another review, I made sure to buy this version: ISBN 0634029797 Piano/Keyboard - SMP Level 7 (Late Intermediate) 4 to 5-note chords in both hands and scales in octaves in both hands. From what I can tell, this songbook very accurately transcribes the piano parts from the album. There are a couple longer piano solos that are left out, but you can just practice your improvisation in place of the note-for-note solo. I love this book and have been playing it non-stop during the Christmas season.

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