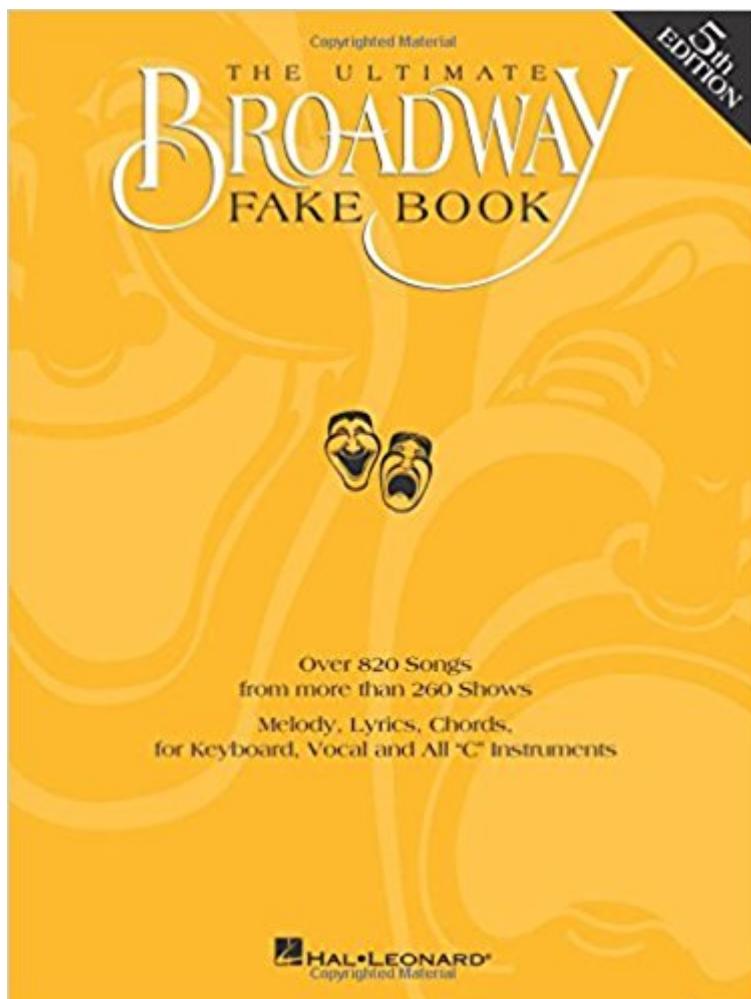


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In the most important ways, this is the book I've been waiting for. It has so many great songs, from so many shows. I'm discovering songs that I never knew! The print is clear, I like the presentation of information about each show, and I like the fact that there are different tables of contents organized by song, by show, and by composer. As a "theme-based" piano teacher, this year's theme is Broadway musicals, so each of my 15 students is learning the music from a different show. The presentation is simple enough for my less experienced students to play just the melody line and I can accompany easily from the chart. My more advanced students are learning to put together their own arrangements, a terrific theory project. On the down side, the book is so big that it's a little unwieldy. Perhaps it could be put into two volumes; I might even pay a little more just for that. Also, the print is a little small, but some of us have ways of dealing with that. And, it does not have West Side Story, The Wizard of Oz, or The Wiz, which I don't understand. As a performing musician, this book is giving me access to some wonderful music, since the charts are so clear. I haven't found

any particular disagreement with the chord choices yet; I can reharmonize them if they seem wrong or too simple.

This is a good buy for a pro pianist like me who might get requests for tunes I've never heard of from shows I've never seen. It has three indexes: by tune, by show, and by composers and lyricists. One of the best things in the book is an alphabetical show-by-show synopsis, containing information about each show's history, its major personnel, and its plot. However -- and it's a BIG however; in fact, several however: an awful lot of the songs are second-rate and I can't imagine getting requests for them, or even wanting to play them myself. The book proclaims its inclusion of "great songs" from several more recent shows such as "Rent"

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