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# Christmas Carols For Ukulele



## Synopsis

(Fretted). Take your uke along while dashing to your holiday gatherings this year, and don't forget to bring this essential collection of 26 Christmas classics: Away in a Manger \* Deck the Hall \* Go, Tell It on the Mountain \* God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen \* Good King Wenceslas \* Hark! the Herald Angels Sing \* Jingle Bells \* Joy to the World \* O Christmas Tree \* Silent Night \* Up on the Housetop \* What Child Is This? \* and more.

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As a longtime guitarist (jazz and classically trained) I took up the ukulele over 7 years ago and have been teaching it at my school for the last 6. While ukulele lesson books have greatly improved over the years to finally include basic solo (chord melody) technique in addition to the more common chords/strumming and basic single note (melody) playing, songbooks like this have lagged behind. What I LOVE about this book: 1. Key appropriate arrangements that allow an advanced beginner to play the melody and insert the occasional chord here and there to create a satisfying

solo version. You'd think more uke book authors/players would keep that in mind when writing/publishing solo chord/melody songbooks for ukulele.<sup>2</sup> Melodies written using the simplest rhythm patterns (primarily quarter and eighth notes) which is helpful for the rhythmically challenged and beginning music students that struggle with or are intimidated by dotted eighth note/sixteenth note combinations.<sup>3</sup> The price! You get 26 songs, songs you'd enjoy playing and that other people would recognize and enjoy hearing, that are arranged sensibly and sound really nice on the ukulele! If you're a teacher that's tired of having to arrange Christmas carols for your students year after year this book is for you. If you enjoy playing the ukulele and have been looking for a more musically satisfying songbook of Christmas carols that doesn't limit you to strumming chords or just playing single note melodies, this book is definitely for you!

Our kids really enjoy playing the songs in this book. There are a few songs with way too many chord changes (follows the vocal melody) but it's not too hard to figure out which are critical and which can be left out. This seems to be a common issue with most song books. If you highlight the essential chords it is even easier to play the songs and you don't have to change chords every second. This is a very enjoyable collection of songs and it makes me smile to see our kids playing music together.

This book was a great present for my friend who plays ukulele! (I also play ukulele) It is just as described. The difficulty level is pretty easy, so I would not recommend this for someone who is looking for more advanced music, but it is great for beginners.

Received it and took it straight to our church's stint ringing the SA bell in front of the local market. Then used it for carols with an 'ukulele group to play for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & childrens' play. All the great songs and easy, straightforward arrangements.

This is an easy to follow book for beginning ukulele players. I like how they have the chords and the notes; my daughter and I are going to try and play one for Christmas.

The arrangements are easier for me than other Christmas ukele books. Price is well worth it and saves me a lot of time searching for versions at my level.

Good book

It's OK.

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