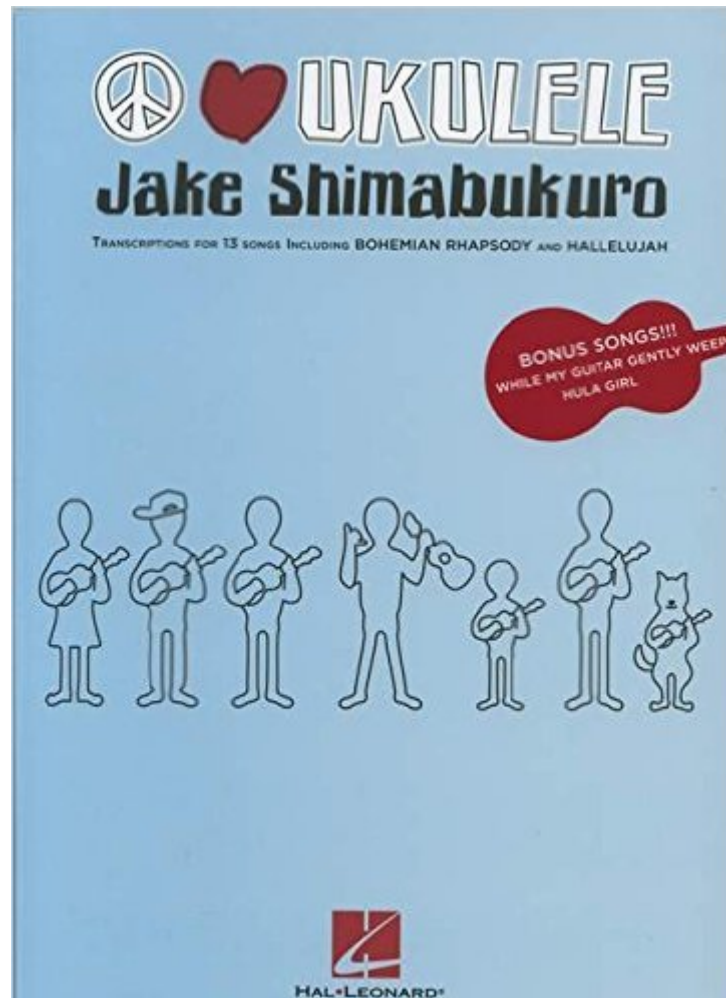


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Peace Love Ukulele



Synopsis

Deemed the Hendrix of the ukulele Hawaii native Jake Shimabukuro is a uke virtuoso whose music has revolutionized the world's perception of this tiny instrument. Showcasing his complex finger work his songs combine elements of jazz rock classical and traditional music. Our sought-after songbook features note-for-note transcriptions with ukulele tablature of Jake's masterful playing on all the CD tracks: Bohemian Rhapsody Å Boy Meets Girl Å Bring Your Adz Å Hallelujah Å Pianoforte 2010 Å Variation on a Dance 2010 Å and more. Also includes two bonus songs that are not on the CD: While My Guitar Gently Weeps Å a Shimabukuro sensation on YouTube and his hit song Hula Girl.

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Customer Reviews

This is the long-awaited sheet music book from Jake Shimabukuro, ukulele phenom. 11 of the songs are from his hits that are on Å Peace Love Ukulele Å and there are two bonus songs so the contents:143 (Kelly's song)Bohemian RhapsodyBring Your AdzBoy Meets GirlGo For BrokeTrapped 2010Variation On A Dance 2010Pianoforte 2010Five Dallars Unleaded 2010Ukulele Bros.Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)And the bonus two songs:Hula GirlsWhile My Guitar Gently WeepsThis is more advanced music in Jake's signature style: beginners will be frustrated, intermediate players will be challenged. The book includes standard music notation, ukulele tablature and chord designation but not chord diagram. The print is a bit fine, in order to put the songs onto a reasonable number of pages, but I found the print rather light and thin. Special

techniques (tremolo, slides, hammer on, etc) are noted in the tablature. The book is thin enough to sit well on a music stand, but I find it difficult to read (but I wear bifocals.) Younger folks will probably not have an issue with the fineness of the print. The arrangements are not simplified; this is not dumbed-down. If you adore Jake's brilliant style, and if you aspire to play his music, you will want to own this book.

I'm sure this is one of the most waited tab book for all the ukulele players out there. Very accurate transcription of the whole Peace, Love, Ukulele album, plus Gently Weeps and Hula Girl. Definitely not for beginners. Quite difficult stuff, a lot of finger stretchings, odd time signatures and hard finger picking.

Those who read my CD reviews here on know I'm a HUGE Jake Shimabukuro fan and have been for almost 10 years. The guy is an amazing player. And, though I don't play an instrument - some of us have to be listeners - I know many of you want to emulate Jake on the uke. To my knowledge this is the first transcription book of Jake's music and this one includes the really technical "Bohemian Rhapsody". Just looking at how detailed some of the tablatures are, you can really appreciate the amazing feats Jake performs on his 4-string instrument. Like previous reviewer I thought the typeface was a bit small - especially since you will not be reading it up close like a novel or book of text. I thought I'd also point out that - except for 2 full pages of photos near the front - and a 3 or 4 sentence "thank you" from Jake on the title page, there is no additional text in the book. Since all but two of the songs are on his MUST HAVE CD "Peace Love Ukulele", you can read the stories behind the songs (what does adz mean?; what is the significance of 143 in title of "Kelly's Song"? - BTW, Kelly is Jake's new bride.) in the CD liner notes, it might have been to have provided it here too. There's not even a bio page. BUT, the purpose of the book is to provide the notes for Jake's songs so that fans who do play the uke can stop trying to replay videos on YouTube trying to figure out the chords. And, for that, it succeeds. I hope you found this review both helpful and informative. Steve Ramm "Anything Phonographic"

The tunes in this book are written for the more advanced ukulelists or those who don't mind practicing a lot... Most can be played alone but some of them have 3 or 4 parts - I did not see any advertising indicating that these are transcriptions for more than one player so be forewarned !!!

Jake - what a master you are. I love my book, because these arrangements (and I have a good ear)

are just about impossible if you are not very skilled on the ukulele in terms of transcription. I could do guitar all day, but I'd been at it a while trying to figure out the uke on these songs. They are all very well transcribed, the spacing between notes and phrases is generous, the typesetting clear and friendly, and the accuracy is quite good. I have used this to work through his version of Bohemian Rhapsody. I have a Kanilea K2 and it just sings so beautifully for these arrangements. Note, Jake's material is not for the beginner, and many of these chords are stretchy and will challenge you to them, but they are so worth the time that it takes to get them clear. I'll be honest, a few of them, I'm still trying to work out because they are that virtuoso level, but by and large, if you want a good book to start working out Jake's amazing material...this is the one. It has While My Guitar Gently Weeps, and Hallelujah, as well as the aforementioned cover of Bohemian Rhapsody. I hope this review gives you the information that you are seeking to make an informed purchase decision. I own both the hard cover and Kindle versions of this.

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