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Keola Beamer Teaches Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar



Synopsis

(Guitar). A contemporary master of slack key guitar provides detailed instruction and a rich repertoire for players interested in this evocative style. Keola teaches the special tunings used in slack key playing along with the lush fingerpicking style that will add new sounds and flavors to your entire repertoire, plus both traditional and original songs.

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Customer Reviews

Keola does a great job. Homespun are reliable for having talented musician really teach their style--like John Doyle and Paul Mehling. The CD with this book has Keola going through each song pretty well--just like he was here-- and the music and tab are thorough and easy to read. There are three tunings introduced. The songs are very nice. My wife yelled from other side of the house:" Hey, I really like that song--what is that??" To me, that's a good sign. The song was Mino'aka. Great one. My only gripe is that there are only five songs, but I must admit, there is plenty to work on and many major points about Hawaiian Slack key are mentioned on the disc. This was exactly what I wanted to start learning this style.

This is a good little book about slack key guitar but is limited in its tablature arrangements. I love slack key guitar and took Keola Beamer's online class a few weeks ago. There are 3 or 4 pieces at the beginner level, but most of the tabs are at the intermediate level or above.

This is a great book, easy to follow- especially when you pair it along with the CD. Mr. Beamer takes his time and breaks apart each song so that you can actually learn how to play in his style. He gives you seven beautiful songs and plays them all in such an enjoyable way that you are inspired to emulate him through your playing. I am only a beginner, but I feel fairly confident that this book will get me to where I want to be because of his wonderful teaching style. I love it! He gives you 3 different tunings, and the music he chose is conjures up fun and emotion. If I could rate this more stars, I would. Excellent book, I highly recommend this one over any other. Trust me, I bought the other one and it doesn't even come close to this- Keola Beamer's is the best.

What a great intro to slack key from Keola Beamer. The material presented herein should not present any problems for a lower intermediate fingerstylist. Anyone who has played country blues or other fingerstyle arrangements will be able to work through these tunes without much trouble. However, at some point during the lesson it just might dawn upon you just what great music this is. While the essence of slack key is the tuning and the style of play, in the end it's the beautiful music that is the reward. The notation and tablature are accurate and the selection showcases several popular tunings for modern Hawaiian slack key music. Add Beamer's DVD "The Art of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar" (Homespun Tapes) and you'll be well on your way to the Aloha spirit.

Keola Beamer plays and creates great music, and this book is a good way to get to know his music even better. Tablature, information about songs as well as tips and techniques are laid out in a good way in this book. A must have if you like playing slack key guitar

Keola is truly a master. I love his music, and this book and CD make it easier (but not easy) to learn. I would say this book is for intermediate guitar players, so if you're a beginner you probably don't want to start with this one. Highly recommended.

I think this is designed for people who already have a basic knowledge of the style. I purchased Ozzie Kotani's book after this and like it much better.

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