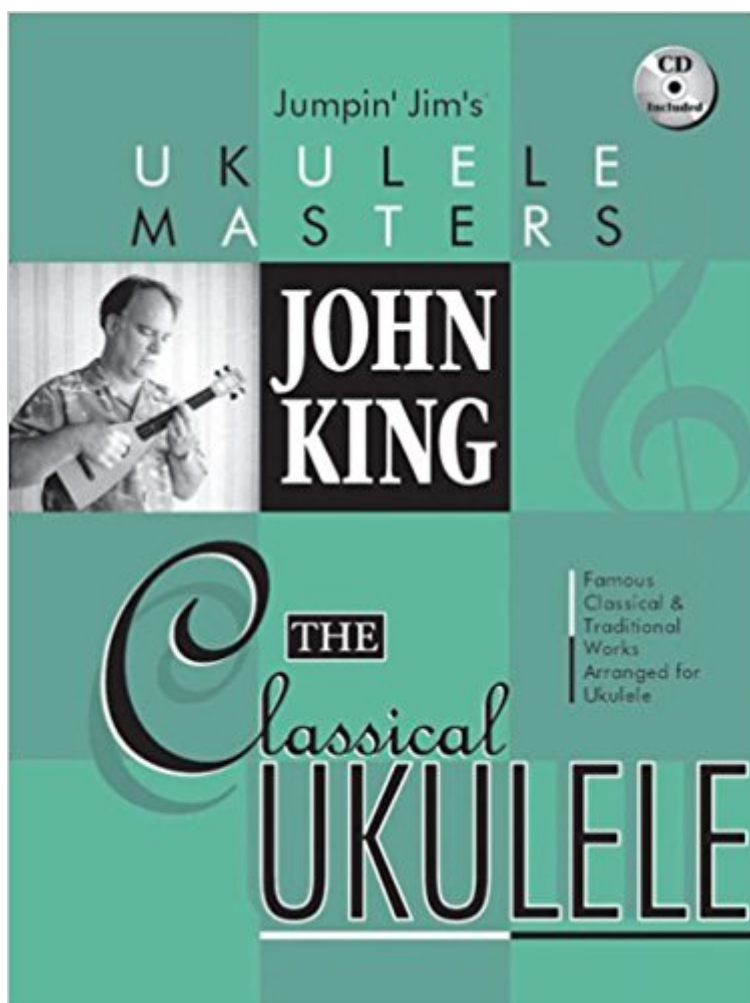


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John King - The Classical Ukulele (Jumpin' Jim's Ukulele Masters)



Synopsis

(Fretted). John King The Classical Ukulele is a collection of 19 classical and traditional works ingeniously arranged for ukulele by John King. While this book is ideal for more experienced players, all of the arrangements are written in tablature so that anyone can play without having to read music. Most amazing is how well these famous pieces by J. S. Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Joplin and others translate to the ukulele. Works include "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring," "Für Elise," "Chop Sticks," "Greensleeves," "Danny Boy" and "The Entertainer." Also included is a CD of all of the arrangements magnificently performed by John King himself. All works are arranged for GCEA tuned ukuleles.

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Customer Reviews

"Charming and far more sophisticated than you might expect." -- Michael Simmons, Acoustic Guitar, June 2005

I LOVE this book/CD package. Here's why:1. Advanced material but excellent tabs that make it accessible to many levels of players.2. a KILLER CD. John King's playing is absolutely stunning. Amazing tone, beautiful arrangements. Get this just for the CD (ie to listen to like an audio CD) and then the transcriptions come along with it for almost no \$.3. The arrangements feature John King's signature technique of fingering with open strings (or string jumping between the 1st and 4th string)

so that the notes run into each other almost harp-style. This is really special and after you play these arrangements a little while, you might just start incorporating this technique in your own playing.⁴ Great repertoire. I have the Lyle Ritz books (I'm much more of a jazz player than a classical one) and like them a lot ,, but I like this one much more. Stunningly good.

This is a great book. I love learning to play classical. The best part is it has tabs too :D This is written so that beginners and intermediate players can play. Great job!!!

This is an excellent book to introduce an intermediate player and above to classical ukulele playing. I am not a beginner, and I am conversant with a lot of chords and rhythms on the uke, along with some solo playing, but the way John King uses the high G (4th) string in these arrangements was new to me. Starting with a few simple, but beautiful melodies, the songs become more complex, and the book is moving me to a higher level in my ukulele playing. I cannot praise the book enough, but it is challenging, and definitely not for absolute beginners.

This is a good book of ukulele songs. I would say that many of the songs are intermediate and advanced level. It helps a lot that the book includes a CD of the songs being played. This helps a lot with learning to play the songs. I'm still more of a beginner. I have been able to learn a couple of the songs, but many of them are still out of my reach. I am able to play parts of other songs and feel like I will eventually be able to learn more of them. I still rate the book fairly high because I feel that the limits are my own, not in the book. Just be fair-warned that this is not a beginner-level book.

Excellent book. Not easy but with practice you will be well rewarded. As a casual player, playing these technical pieces has highlighted my sloppy finger placement among other things and has forced me to become a better uke player. A bit of history is given about each piece presented and some technical notes that will help the player. That, combined with the CD and overall quality of the book makes it a must have and a great gift if you don't know what to get your favorite uker. I will definitely be ordering a few more of the Jumpin Jim series in the future.

Brother in law's christmas present - his review back to me was that he loves this book and plays out of it all the time. He enjoyed the selection that is included and he felt challenged enough with the song list. Easy to read and use, he gives 2 thumbs up!

This is a wonderful value for any ukulele player. Not only does it contain John King's transcriptions of these great pieces in both musical notation and string and fret numerical notation, it comes with a CD of him playing these pieces. The notation on the pieces is easy enough that a rank beginner like myself can follow them. What a thrill it was to receive the package and be able to begin playing Bach, Chopin, and the traditional Japanese song 'Sakura' right away. The CD is also very beautiful to listen to. Overall a great package for any ukulele player interested in expanding their playing horizons.

Love it. The songs are a steep climb, but that's because I'm a beginner. The CD is very enjoyable and (the late) John King is an inspiration. My favorite Uke book.

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