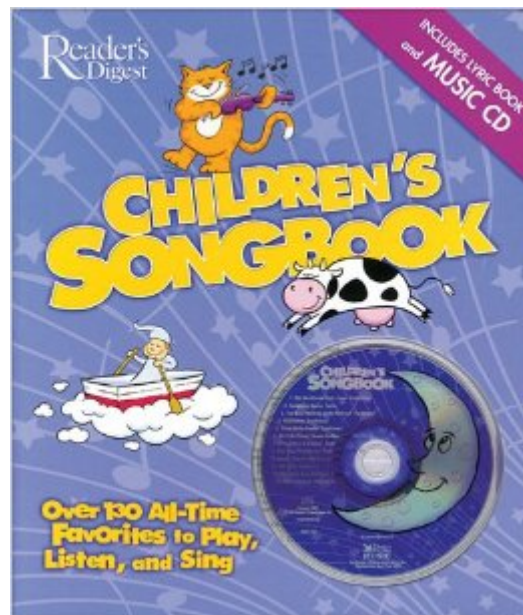


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# The Reader's Digest Children's Songbook: Over 130 All-Time Favorites To Play, Listen And Sing



## Synopsis

(PVG Mixed Folio). This fantastic hardcover book is once again available, and now also includes a CD, all for the same price as the original! It features a delightful collection of 135 children's songs in easy-to-play arrangements that the whole family can enjoy. Highlights include Muppet songs, nursery rhymes, movie and show tunes, nonsense songs, songs for happy days and holidays, and much more! Also includes a bonus lyric book with guitar chord frames. Handy stay-open binding!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 18 and up

Grade Level: 12 and up

## Customer Reviews

I received this book as a gift and was very excited until I realized the CD only contains 12 songs and not 130. The actual CD cover is the only place I could find that says there are 12 songs on it. Neither the book cover or the inside of the book states how many songs are on the CD. I assumed 130 songs would be on the CD since the heading says "Over 130 All-Time Favorites to Play, Listen, and Sing. Do not buy this book if you are looking for a CD of 130 kids songs. If you are looking for a book with piano or guitar arrangements for kids songs, you found a winner.

Reader's Digest Children Songbook is a good book to have on hand for anyone with young children. Since my girls love their tunes, I picked up this songbook for them. They cannot read, of course, so they have no interest in looking through the pages. Each of the songs does include a drawing at the

top, complete with animals and other figures, and kids do like these pictures, but the majority of the pages in this book are sheet music, so there are limits to what kids can do. This book is intended, of course, as an adult song guide: A reference to 130 classic children's tunes that kids have been enjoying for generations. From the Muppet Show Theme to Happy Birthday, this book contains many children favorites. One surprise with this book is the background information on each song. There are facts about the songs, like the composer and any popular recordings, along with trivial facts for some of the tunes. I like this part of the book for its educational value. Children won't care about this at all- it's the adults in the household who will enjoy reading these tidbits of music trivia. The songs included in this book are very good and there is a wide enough variety that all children will find something they like. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the included CD. My main complaint with the CD is that it includes only 12 songs. When I first purchased this book, I wasn't paying close attention and didn't realize the CD had only twelve tunes. Of course, I wasn't expecting all 130 songs to appear on a single CD. But I certainly expected more than 12. Also, the singing isn't the greatest on all the songs. There are several that I skip each time I play the CD to my girls, mainly because I get irritated with the horrendous singing. Even my little girls seem to like some tunes more than others, and it seems like the vocals are the main reason they don't prefer some of the songs. Overall, Reader's Digest Children Songbook is a good book to have in the house. Many adults already know the lyrics to some of these songs by heart, but it is still nice to have a book like this for looking up less popular songs and for having the sheet music so pianists and guitarists know how to play the songs on their instruments. The CD is a disappointment, but the songbook itself is worth the expenditure and I recommend it to anyone who has youngsters in the house.

I liked the songbook but wish there were more songs on the CD. I was not impressed the the song selection on the CD.

I bought this book for my adult daughter who is about to be certified as a Music Therapist. She plays piano and guitar and sings. She loves the songbook! It is all the favorites she has sung and played with children and some new ones. The arrangements are lively and wonderful. Great for kids! She works with children who have special needs and also who are quite ill in the hospital. In addition, she brings her music to the home of the family she babysits. The little ones love the songs. This is a songbook that will bring you hours of great joy and unforgettable tunes. As a practical comment, the spiral notebook style is a plus.

Happy with this, it does the job, I bought it for my husband to play guitar for our daughter. It isn't guitar tab but has the chords so my husband can play. Was happy with separate lyric booklet, although it is very functional, no pictures or anything for our daughter to enjoy. The song selection is pretty good, but there were lots in there I don't know and aren't on the cd so will have to try googling.

I bought this for a pre-k music class I was going to teach. I just wanted a large collection of kid's songs and nursery rhymes, but the biggest peev for me with MANY children's songbooks is the fact that the authors/arrangers take too many liberties with the songs. Why does every book have to make an attempt at their own version of the song instead of just giving us the usual with perhaps an interesting piano accompaniment? That's a complain for many of the hundred songbooks as well as CD's I've been through. Another complaint about this book is that it seems more like it is geared towards the piano student instead of the singer, but I'm sure that demographic is much larger than young singing students. I would recommend this book for the piano student that wanted to learn accompaniments to nursery rhymes, but not so much for anything else.

The most awesome children's song book compiled. I have given it as a gift 5 times.

My preschool daughters love leafing through the book, singing the songs they know, but we pitched the CD almost instantly. The singing is awful and the CD doesn't include most of the songs in the book. If you're looking for a good family folksong CD, buy something else.

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