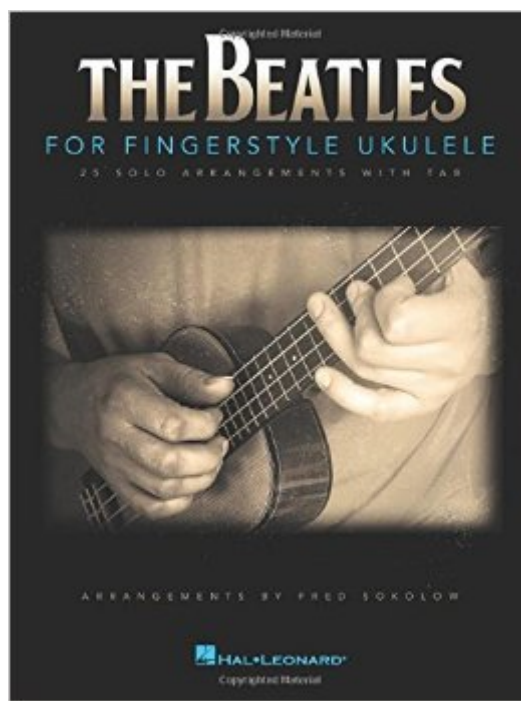


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# The Beatles For Fingerstyle Ukulele



## Synopsis

(Ukulele). The Beatles for Fingerstyle Ukulele contains 25 favorite songs, each presented two ways: first as solo fingerstyle arrangements for playing simple chord-melody instrumentals with tab and chord diagrams included and also as lyric-and-chord lead sheets for basic strumming and singing. Songs are introduced in order of difficulty and also include fun and interesting facts about the Beatles' original recordings and history. Songs include: Across the Universe \* And I Love Her \* Can't Buy Me Love \* Eight Days a Week \* Here Comes the Sun \* Hey Jude \* In My Life \* Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds \* Something \* While My Guitar Gently Weeps \* Yesterday \* You've Got to Hide Your Love Away \* and more.

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## Customer Reviews

You hit a homer with this one, Fred. Very nice arrangements for the beginner--intermediate player in standard tuning. This would probably be frustrating for a real beginner, but a good challenge for those that are starting to explore fingerpicking and chords down the neck. Songs are available to download from his website for those of you who don't have every Beatles tune stamped indelibly into your brain (I hear Kanye West even recorded with one of these guys!) One of the best instructional books I've bought. How about a part 2 with some more challenging arrangements in low g?

Good book, but none of the songs are in the original key. Some of the songs would be in the correct

key if you took the chord shapes as written and played them on a guitar or baritone ukulele (not accounting for any capoing that the Beatles did). It seems like the author took a fingerstyle for guitar book and created an ukulele version without any transposing. I think the book would have been more effective if the correct keys had been maintained, since I like to learn songs by playing along with the original recordings. Another thing that would have made the the book better is to have written it for a low-G ukulele, or at least low-G, high-G neutral by limiting melody notes to strings 1, 2 and 3.

You will LOVE this book. My personal thanks to the author! There ARE tabs for finger picking ALL songs. Even my instructor enjoys this book. I'm a beginner, and this book is so fun I can't wait to play daily. As a beginner, the first time I played from the book, my husband was surprised at how soon I played something he recognized. If you're a beginner, I recommend avoiding the syncopated songs at first (eg can't buy my love, and i love her). Start with Norwegian wood.

Great arrangements! I had fun from the moment I opened up the book. For beginners there is a version with words and chord charts for each song. For intermediate/advanced there is a version that has chords, melody line, uke part in notes and uke part on TAB. Who cares if some of them are not in the original key? They are loads of fun!

I don't write many reviews. But felt compelled to praise this book - mostly because I did not expect to love this book. As a lower-intermediate player (playing for just over a year) I find this book perfect for my abilities. I can usually learn a song in about 1 hour (by learn, I mean that after an hour I can stumble my way through the song by memory). It will still take many days or weeks to really get good at it. But the songs are wonderful. I also really like the size and fonts used in this book. The physical size of the book is larger than most others that I own, and the fonts are larger - makes it much easier to read the tabs. Even though we all know these Beatles songs through and through, I still find it helpful to be able to hear the song played as it has been arranged. Well, Fred has made that available for all of the songs in this book (I don't think most people know this). On youtube, under the channel "Fred Sokolow - Topic" you can hear each and every one of the songs in this book played exactly as presented in the book. Thank you Fred. I wish more authors would do this. You can also go have a listen to see what these arrangements will sound like before you buy to see if they appeal to you. So glad I bought this book!

**WARNING:** this book is arranged for high G string ukulele. If you're like me & most players who have been playing ukulele for years, we have strung our ukuleles with a low G string which gives a richer, fuller sound. You'll have to make a lot of changes to the tab in this book to make the arrangements playable in fingerstyle. Sokolow has selected keys that are easy to play on the ukulele, though not always the keys used by Beatles. Publishers should state which ukulele stringing has been used in EACH book. I think this book may be more useful to use NOT for fingerstyle but just to use the chords for strumming, & the notation to get the rhythm accurate.

The only reason I can give this book a five star is because I purchased the Kindle Version. I have looked at it but because I can not print any of the pages, it is hard to read and the format of the book for digital is pretty terrible. I have yet to play a whole song and wish I had purchased the actual book instead of the Kindle Ereader copy.

If you like the Beatles and play the Uke this is a must-have book. It is not for beginners, but offers an attainable challenge to any one who has taken a few shaky steps into the world of fingerstyle and is comfortable with TAB. The songs manage to capture a lot of the nuances that make the Beatles so interesting while staying mostly in the playing realm of mere mortals. After owning it for almost a year it is still great fun.

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