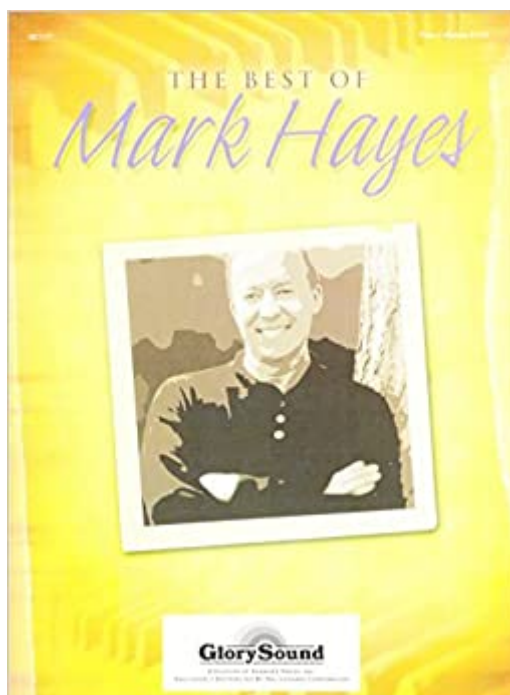


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# The Best Of Mark Hayes



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As someone who has been teaching piano intermittently for 40 years, I can say that the pieces in this book are entirely playable for anyone who has reached the grade 9 level of music in the Royal Conservatory (Canada). For Americans, that level corresponds to the point at which most of the Chopin waltzes are introduced. The arrangements are beautiful and timeless. But what I especially like about them is that they do not require a large hand. If you have small hands (as I have) but can master four note chords that span the octave, these arrangements will be fine for you. To cut down

on the practice time required, look for places where you can substitute the L.H. for certain notes in the R.H. and vice-versa. There are many such places, some less obvious than others. For example, in bar 59 of "Higher Ground," taking the bottom note of the four note chords on beats three and four with the L.H. will greatly facilitate the playing of this passage. Of course, that advice is intended only for women with small hands, who have nevertheless learned to play the piano and have good dexterity.

I don't know why asked me to review this piano book because this is not the one that i ordered and received. The Mark Hayes one that I did order was absolutely wonderful and I loved playing the pieces. They were just challenging enough. However, I have lost that book and am heartbroken. I will be ordering more of Mark Hayes books. The arrangements sound very professional.

A perfect accompaniment CD for church solos of the good, old songs! Just have to fill in your own words!!!

The music was a good selection but the book was bound poorly and pages started to tear from the binding immediately. I have had to take the book apart, and put them into a binder.

Really enjoy the variety of key signatures and level of difficulty in this book.

Excellent

Difficult arrangements.

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