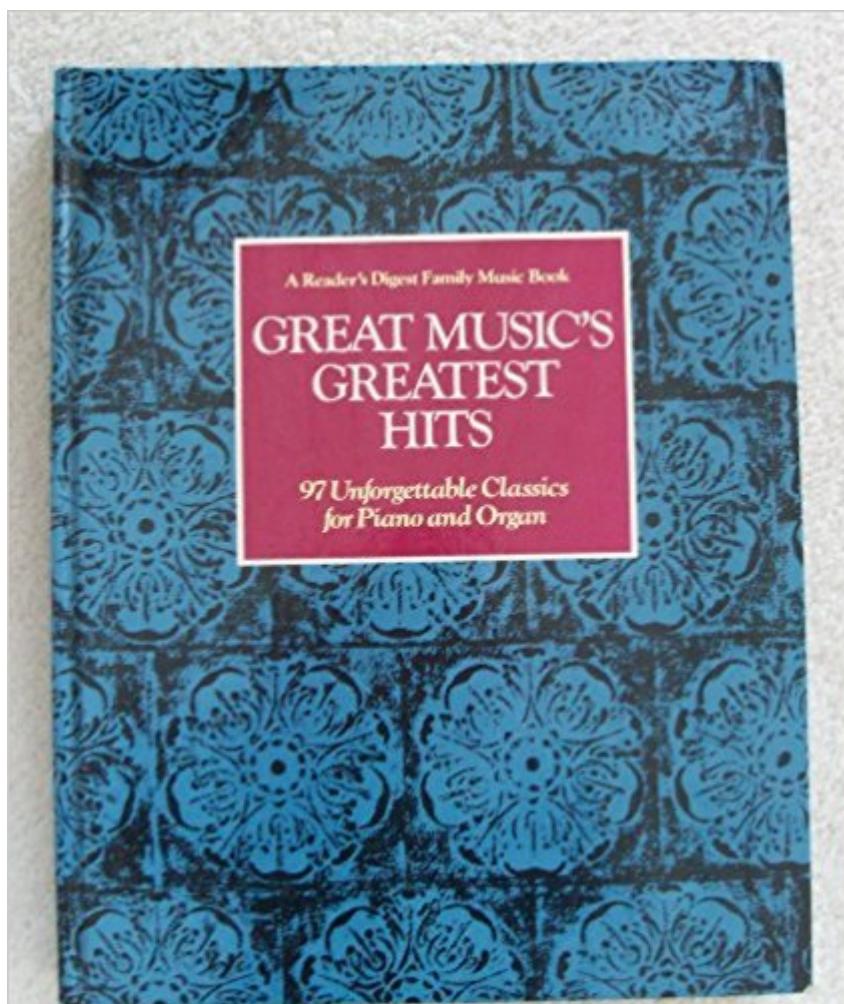


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I own almost every single piano book that Reader's Digest has come out with. I love them all, but this one is my favorite by far. Each song is beautiful and are arranged difficult enough to be fun but not so difficult to cause frustration. I recommend this to everyone who enjoys piano. I was SO so excited to find this used for such a great price on here. I grew up listening to my mother and brother playing songs out of this book.

One of my students has been bringing an old torn-up volume to her piano lessons. After working on a few pieces, I decided to buy one for myself. I paid a few extra dollars and got one in mint condition. Rhapsody in Blue is brilliantly simplified and there is an added bassline for organ. I wish I had known years ago that this edition existed. Well worth owning.

I usually hate simplified versions of music, because they usually go too far and hollow out the sound. This book strikes the perfect balance, making the songs playable by an amateur pianist like

me, without it sounding simplified. My mother had this when I was learning as a child, and I recently bought it again for myself. I was surprised at how quickly I could pick it back up. They are not obscure tunes, either. Most all of them are easily recognizable by anyone with a modicum of classical music knowledge. This book is a must have for everyone's piano bench.

We used to have this piano book from Reader's Digest along with others from Reader's Digest (Christmas & Family Song Book) and loved them. They are the songs we loved as children and still enjoy playing at the piano and singing along.

This book was my introduction the " Classical " music. THe pieces have either been cut in order to simplify them or have been arranged in another key so they are easier for beginners. I'd recommend this as a tool for music teachers in teaching piano students the classics. However, i'd recommend the student be playing at least for a year first before starting any piece in this book. The music is mostly for late intermediate players, so its not hard but not overly easy either. This makes for a great learning tool. Hard enough to be able to develop one's playing skills, but easy enough to be able to play and not get discouraged over. Each of the Readers Digest piano books include a paragraph on the starting page of each piece about the background of the selection and the composer.

Wonderful book of classical music. Most of the pieces are easier and shorter than the original compositions. The compilation is varied and includes many wonderfully talented composers from all timeframes. Love it!

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If you are looking for a great collection of the classics for piano, you can't do better than the Reader's Digest books. They are simple enough that most people with a moderate amount of piano training can play and enjoy. There is an entire series of which I have several. They are wonderful!

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