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RARE BIRD ALERT TABLATURE BOOK



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Synopsis

(Homespun Tapes). Steve Martin’s latest CD, Rare Bird Alert , has received raves from critics, fans and players alike. His 13 songs and sparkling banjo solos, in both clawhammer and three-finger picking styles, are whimsical and fun-filled, always beautifully crafted and superbly played. This new book features tablature and lyrics, and Steve has added brief instructions for playing each tune. Songs: Rare Bird Alert * Yellow-Backed Fly * Best Love * Northern Island * Go Away, Stop, Turn Around, Come Back * Jubilation Day * More Bad Weather on the Way * You * The Great Remember (For Nancy) * Women Like to Slow Dance * Hide Behind a Rock * Atheists Don’t Have No Songs * King Tut.

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Customer Reviews

Nice, fun book. My only issue is that this is the simplified versions of all the songs. I was hoping to get some deeper insight into some of lines played throughout the album, but this really just gives the high level overview. Not to say that I don’t appreciate that (it certainly helps the learning curve), but more details would be nice. Of course, some of the other reviews say that the songs in this book are too hard, so I guess you can’t please everybody. I would say this is an intermediate level book.Aside from that everything I’ve played so far as been accurate and the excerpts from Steve about each song are really cool. Glad I have it in my collection.

I purchased this book figuring that I would still have to improvise for fear that the tabs would be

overly simplified. I really only wanted this book for one song - The Great Remember. I was so excited to discover that great efforts were made to ensure that these tabs were extremely accurate and NOT simplified. Every hammer-on and pull-off is included. Buyer beware: these tabs are difficult. If you want to play like Steve Martin you are going to have to spend some time with these tabs. Awesome book.

I purchased both banjo tab books (Rare Bird Alert and The Crow) and am very pleased with the purchase. They're well written and provide personal comments on playing each of the songs. To someone learning to play the banjo, it has been very valuable. The tab notation really bridges the gap for me too, since I can't read sheet music.

the only way i figured out clawhammer... the great remember is why i bought it and it was worth it just for that tab. remember this is tab for banjo players, not a book about comedy or steve martin although there are many comments in there from steve.

Great book but definitely not foe beginner...something to work towards.

great tablature. some strange banjo tunings involved. definitely not a beginner book. Unless you are 1) an experienced player and 2) willing to retune/restring your banjo often (some songs recommend heavier strings) I would not recommend this book if you are trying to replicate what is played on the CD. To put it in perspective, I've been playing over a year now and this book is still beyond my reach.

These tabs are a great way to play along with Steve Martin and Graham Sharp. I am a somewhat beginning banjo player and made it most of the way through the Crow. These tabs are a bit trickier than the Crow. The best part is I am becoming comfortable with a capo. Both Rare Bird Alert and the Crow use a number of different tunings. Rare Bird takes it a bit further with extensive use of a capo.

Very excited to try and learn these songs. Some are more advanced and it will take some time to master them.

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