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# Steve Martin - The Crow: New Songs For The Five-String Banjo



## Synopsis

(Homespun Tapes). Steve Martin is a comedian, novelist, screenwriter, actor and many other things, but his first love is the banjo. His recent hit CD, *The Crow*, features 15 original tunes in both clawhammer and Scruggs style. This book of tablature, accurately transcribed by Tony Trischka, is a great learning tool for aspiring players. Also includes an introduction and tuning notes from Tony. Contents: Daddy Played the Banjo \* Pitkin County Turnaround \* Hoedown at Alice's \* Late for School \* Tin Roof \* Words Unspoken \* Pretty Flowers \* Wally on the Run \* Freddie's Lilt \* Saga of the Old West \* Clawhammer Medley \* Calico Train \* Banana Banjo \* Blue River Waltz \* The Crow.

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## Customer Reviews

It is a collection of the songs on the album. Some of them are not so easy. Interesting picking patterns for me but definitely doable. Some of the tunes are clawhammer which I like because I clawhammer too. I find the tunes catching and fun to play. Still working on some of them.

Recommended

I fell in love with *The Crow* when I first heard it, and was blown away by Steve Martin's talent on the banjo. It's such a modern-sounding and accessible album and easily the most enjoyable I've heard in a while. As soon as I heard "Saga of the Old West" I knew I had to learn how to play it. After two days with this book I'm well on my way to mastering the first section of that song, and I've only been playing the banjo since August (although I do play the guitar). The tabs are clearly laid out with

easy-to-read indications of which fingers to pick with, exactly where the hammers and pull-offs are, and which section of the song you are playing. There are many different styles included in the book as well. It's even better that Steve was involved with the book and includes his personal comments and tips for the tabs (e.g. "...which is how how I play it..."). Overall, this book is very easy to understand and a great way to further appreciate Steve's more contemporary musicianship!

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.

Steve Martin is a Banjo genius, and this book is very effective at reminding me that I am not! Seriously, this book is wonderfully transcribed, it's just a matter of playing the material in a way that does this wonderful album any justice. If you're at all concerned about transcription quality, rest assured: Tony Trischka (a veritable Banjo god) worked with Steve Martin to ensure accuracy. This is stated specifically within the book. If you love the Crow and want to (attempt to) play some of the songs, then this is the book for you.

Bought the other book that Steve Martin did and love them both. Definitely for the advanced banjo player, but with patience can be learned. Looking forward to the experience. Received this book from seller before the scheduled delivery

Excellent tabs, but the book will definitely cause a rift between you and your spouse (unless she WANTS to get you out of her hair). My wife apparently wants me to spend some of my free time talking to her, but thanks to Steve Martin and my banjo, I'm only interested in playing the banjo now. Can I send you my lawyer fees when she finally has enough of it?

This is a really good book. Well written and the CD play along. I listen to the CD and read the Tablature. The CD is not included with the book. It is sold separately but I would highly recommend getting the CD to help with timing. Besides the CD by itself is great. The CD helps me to understand the timing. I have only learned 1 tune from the book so far, Freddie's Lilt. I am a beginner at the banjo and had very little difficulties learning this tune. Having a lot of fun with this.

I purchased this book along with the "Rare Bird Alert" tab book. I figured I would have to improvise some due to overly simplified tabs, but I was wrong! These tabs are extremely accurate!! Every note that Steve plays on the album seems to be in is in this book. If you are looking for something easy to play this book is not for you. If you are willing to spend a LOT of time practicing these tabs, you will sound just like Steve....well, close anyways ;) This book is perfect.

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