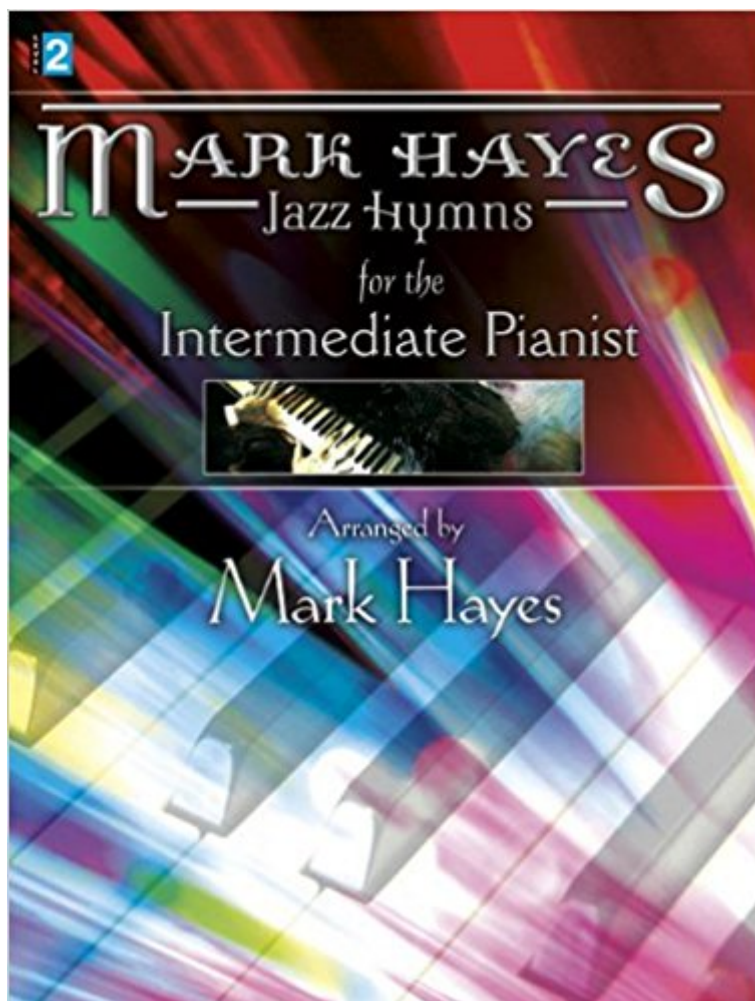




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Mark Hayes: Jazz Hymns For The Intermediate Pianist



Synopsis

Level 2 Mark Hayes is known for his dazzling piano artistry. However, many of the players who love his arrangements wish that they didn't have quite so many notes or require such large reaches. Mark's third book of "intermediate" solos designed specifically for these players includes spirituals and Gospel songs with all of the brilliant Hayes trademark jazz chords and "licks" but in settings that can be mastered more easily. You'll feel the joy the first time you open the book at home; then you'll want to share it with your congregation.

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Customer Reviews

Please be aware that this book contains these songs: This Little Light of Mine, Jesus Loves the Little Children, Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam, Praise Him All Ye Little Children (a medley), and some songs that I remember singing *years* ago when I was in VBS and church camp (Day by Day, I've Got Peace Like a River). If you are looking for traditional hymns, this book won't deliver. It would have been helpful to have an inside look, or at least a look at the back cover for the song list.

This book is very "playable". The intermediate pianist should be able to sit down and play these pieces and with just a little practice have them polished up for performance. The arrangements are interesting and the style is fun. These "old" hymns have really been perked up!

The arrangements of these hymns contain chords that add the sound of more advanced piano. I

have most of Hayes advanced piano books but there is certainly room for the intermediate books in my collection. Lovely arrangements.

I play for Early Church Service at our church, and I receive many favorable comments from the congregation on hymns I select from any of the Mark Hayes books. The Jazz Hymns have a little jazzy sound which make them fun to play. As I said in the other book I reviewed, I do have to do a little more practicing than is necessary in some of the other books I have, but the results are worth it.

The songs are still rather difficult for me, but then that makes them challenging. I found it nice to be able to find them played on utube since I can't get a CD. I take lessons from two teachers and one grew up playing for a band. She got one herself and really loves it. Of course, she just zips through it. I like the idea that I can play a new style while still worshiping my Lord.

Functions perfectly. Exactly what I needed.

Great selections are included here. I consider myself to be an intermediate pianist, but some of these pieces have taken me longer than usual to learn. They are probably more an upper intermediate level.

So many pieces in this book that are so fun to play! Try the toe-tapping version of This Little Light of Mine first!

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