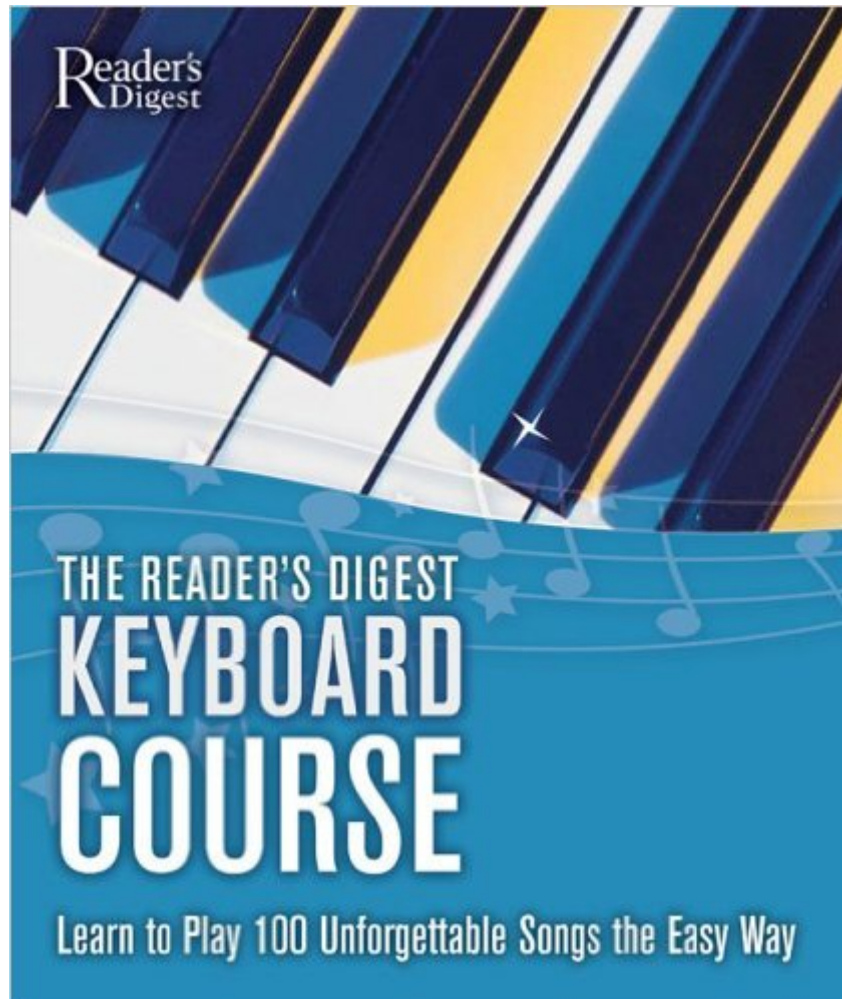


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# The Reader's Digest Keyboard Course: Learn To Play 100 Unforgettable Songs The Easy Way



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One of the things I miss in regular sheet music is marks in the middle of the measure which show where there is a beat. THE READER'S DIGEST KEYBOARD COURSE provides that between a blue staff at the top that shows melody with numbers under the notes. Not quite everything is in the keys of C, F, or G, with only one sharp or flat on the staff, but there is a song on pages 90-91 which has four flats all the way through. The melody never goes higher than an E-flat numbered 9+, and the lowest melody note, middle C is number 1, so anyone who can't remember which notes are flat in a key which has four flats does not have to look anywhere but at the numbers: 9+ and 2+ being an octave apart, 5+, 6+, and 8+ being the numbers for the other black keys that are used. There are

red letters for bass notes under the normal piano score, F, A-flat, B, B-flat, C, D, D-flat, G, which absolutely tell you which note to play without looking at any numbers. Chord designations above the staff will be familiar to guitarists, and anyone who would like to put in full chords if it suits their fancy can easily supplement the two and three-part arrangement that is printed in this book. I have learned to play a few things in simple arrangements. Most people who played instruments in school but never mastered anything on the piano should find it easy to play through tunes which they know in this book. The songs are organized in six sections, Hits, show tunes, Film, Way Back, "Inspirational, Country, and Folk" and special seasons and celebrations. I started at the beginning because "Dream a Little Dream of Me" from 1930 was on page 8, and I can remember the song from a Cass Elliot version in 1974. I must have played this song numerous times before, but not on the piano, and not with a bass line.

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