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State Songs: Anthems And Their Origins



Synopsis

America: "Land of the free and the home of the brave." The United States has long been using song as a way of capturing its unique identity. Now, in one volume, official songs from every state (except Michigan and New Jersey, which have no official song) have been compiled. This text is a tremendous resource, from which readers will gain insight into the heritage of American statehood. Histories of these songs, biographical information about the composers and lyricists, and background on each song's entrance into status as "official" make this source the most comprehensive in existence. The entries include sheet music, allowing readers to reproduce for themselves the tunes that have proved so important in the history of the Union. Music teachers, history teachers, librarians, and anyone else interested in learning more about the United States will not want to be without State Songs. Organized alphabetically by state.

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Customer Reviews

Alright - you get a copy of every state song in the country plus a few extras, but the copies are all different from each other and some formats are just awful. But hey, I am music arranger, so a little picky about clear copies.

This sheet music style book contains historical info on almost all the 50 State songs of the USA. Each State has a short history of their chosen song, and most are in standard sheet music format. Not all States have an official song, so the author provided the music to songs that are

commonly observed and often believed to be the official state songs. For instance, Tennessee, has 6 songs included: 1. My Homeland Tennessee, 2. When it's Iris Time in Tennessee, 3. My Tennessee, 4. Tennessee Waltz, 5. Rocky Top, and 6. Tennessee. Would you believe that the official song of Kansas is "Home on the Range"? Apparently Michigan at the time this book was published had no official state song. I always thought from a Trivia Pursuit game card that the "Yellow Rose of Texas" by Foster was their state song. According to this book, it is actually "Texas, Our Texas". Also, States sometimes change their official song. In Florida, the Stephen Foster song "Old Folks at Home" is currently being challenged in favor of a new song about the Sawgrass Plains. As a music teacher, I found this a fun way to encourage my piano students to learn new theme songs. I bought two copies, one for me and one for the library at the school my children attend.

No complaints here and it a good reference book for our Children's Choir ministry! We would recommend this book to our family & friends. Thank you again for everything!

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