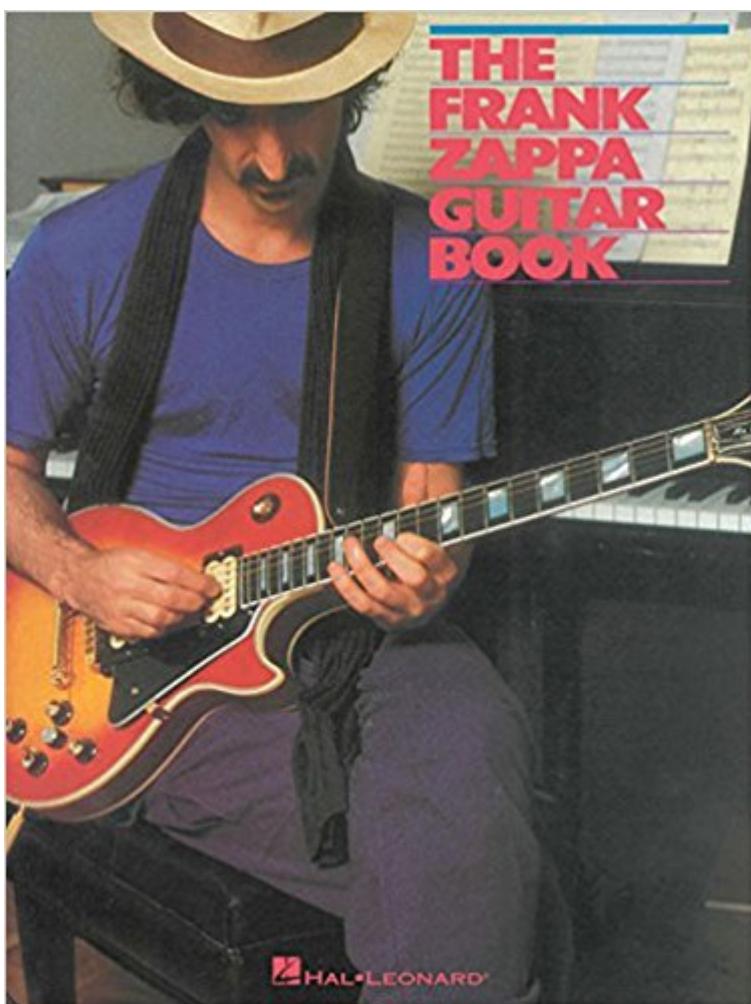


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The Frank Zappa Guitar Book: Transcribed By And Featuring An Introduction By Steve Vai



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(Guitar Book). Back in print! This classic book, compiled and transcribed by Steve Vai, a former member of the Zappa Band, features 22 transcriptions (without tab) of songs from seven Zappa albums. Also includes an introduction by Vai and photos. Songs include: Black Napkins * The Deathless Horsie * Five-five-Five * Gee, I like Your Pants * He Used to Cut the Grass * Heavy Duty Judy * Hog Heaven * Mo' Mama * Outside Now * Packard Goose * Pink Napkins * Rat Tomago * Sheik Yerbouti Tango * Shut up 'n Play Yer Guitar * Shut up 'n Play Yer Guitar Some More * Soup 'n Old Clothes * Stucco Homes * Theme from the 3rd movement of Sinister Footwear * Treacherous Cretins * Variations on the Carlos Santana Secret Chord Progression * Watermelon in Easter Hay * While You Were Out.

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Frank Zappa is one of the most difficult musician's challenges to play, let alone to transcribe it. Well done.

Mind bending

Stev Vai transcribed these guitar solos, some of which are on Shut Up 'N Play Yer Guitar, some of which were never released. Vai was as accurate as possible in duplicating Zappa's rhythmic insanity, which means not just simple triplets, but triplets within triplets, quadruplets, pentuplets, and

other forms of stacked up metrical madness. Add to that the fact that Zappa could also play really fast, and it all becomes a set of solos that are truly virtuosic. Quite possibly more difficult than Paganini's violin solos or Chopin's piano pieces. A few of the solos also include the drum parts, which are also, of course, darn near unplayably difficult. But all wonderful! Zappa was an absolute musical genius as a composer, arranger, and definitely as a guitarist. These transcriptions are a fitting legacy for a man of almost infinite capability, transcribed by a man (Vai) who is also of almost infinite capability, and done so when he was but 18-20 years old. And they're fun to play. I only play them perfectly poorly, but still fun. I also like that it was not professionally typeset: it is all in Vai's own beautiful calligraphy. Sadly out of print, but for the Zappa fan or guitarist who has become bored and wants a life-challenge, I highly recommend this one.

THIS IS AN EXPENSIVE AND RARE BOOK I WANTED TO CANCEL IT ITS TOO PRICEY

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