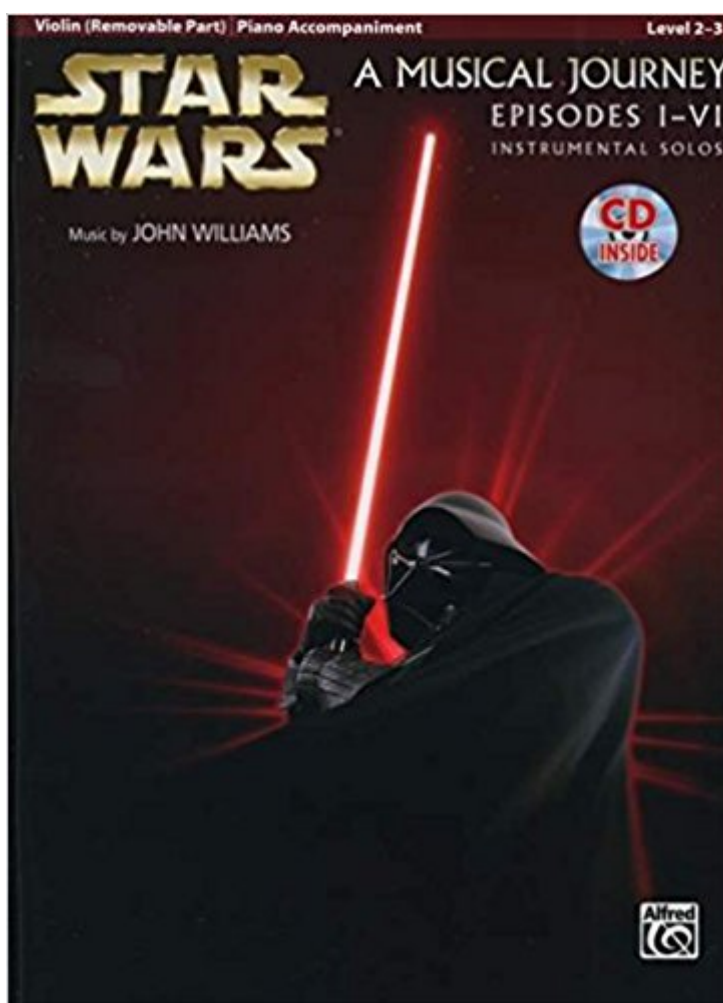


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# Star Wars Instrumental Solos For Strings (Movies I-VI): Violin, Book & CD (Pop Instrumental Solo Series)



## Synopsis

For the first time, *Star Wars(R) A Musical Journey (Music from Episodes I-VI): Instrumental Solos* includes selections from all six *Star Wars(R)* movies arranged for flute, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, horn in F, trombone, piano accompaniment, violin, viola and cello. The arrangements are completely compatible with each other and can be played together or as solos. Due to level considerations regarding keys and instrument ranges, the wind instrument arrangements are not compatible with the string instrument arrangements in this series. Each book contains a carefully edited part that is appropriate for the Level 2--3 player and a fully orchestrated accompaniment CD. Each song on the CD includes a demo track, which features a live instrumental performance, followed by the play-along track itself. Also included is 4-color art as well as black and white art from the movies. Titles: *Star Wars (Main Theme) \* Jar Jar's Introduction \* Augie's Great Municipal Band \* Qui-Gon's Funeral \* Duel of the Fates \* Anakin's Theme \* The Flag Parade \* Across the Stars \* The Arena \* The Meadow Picnic \* Battle of the Heroes \* Cantina Band \* The Throne Room \* The Imperial March \* May the Force Be with You \* Princess Leia's Theme*. This title is available in SmartMusic.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this after reading the 8 reviews here. I agree with most of them, including the detachable violin book. My 8-year-old is doing violin, but hasn't quite gotten the incentive to play to this book

yet. My 4-year-old, who isn't taking any music lessons, loves to listen to the CD. But what I didn't expect was the lifeless accompaniments. The lead violin part is played satisfactorily by a real violinist with expression and tasteful vibrato. However, the background symphonic music has irritatingly fake horns, woodwinds and other instruments that are obviously done on a synth or computer. They are so hollow and robotic that I wonder if they were MIDI tracks played back on a computer and not even played by a real person on a real synth. They must not have had the budget to hire a real orchestra to record those tracks in a real studio. Update: I forgot to mention that like another reviewer, my CD also has the clicking noises on tracks 25, and 28 through to the last track. It's extremely annoying, as one of the affected tracks is the Cantina piece that my daughter enjoys. This tells me that their CD master has the defect, and they haven't fixed it. I downgraded my rating from 4 stars to 2 stars because of this.

This is freaking awesome. These songs are really amazing, and they aren't too too hard to play. Some are really challenging though, which I like, personally. It gives you something to keep working towards. I think the recordings sound great myself. The "Across the Stars" especially is really soulful. I think I get what some people were saying about a midi sound with the higher trumpet tones, but it still sounds great to me, and anyway it's really fun to play with! That's all that really matters to me since I'm not going to play the backup tracks for a public performance, though not saying you couldn't. I love it!

My niece can "sight-read" music and the family was so impressed with her first time rendering of the music and subsequent improvement after her listening to the enclosed CD! She likes it very much too!

This was a great way to maintain my son's motivation to keep learning violin. He is now trying to master all of his favorite Star Wars songs. The music is a little complex for him, but he is breaking it down with his teacher's help and is far more excited to play the Imperial March than he ever was to play "Lightly Row."

As a thirty-eight year old, the Star Wars franchise has been an essential part of my life both as a child and as an adult so I was very excited to see that a product like this even existed. About a week before I purchased this, I had purchased the Lord of the Rings product that was just like this (included the full music, violin music only, and the CD that had tracks with and without the violin

part). That product was outstanding and I really enjoyed it so I anticipated receiving this very much. Unfortunately, it is not nearly as good. First and foremost, the quality of the audio on the CD is horrible. This was a brand-new item but the CD was making a skipping/ticking noise (this was even true when I tried to rip it to my computer so I could simply use my mp3 player to plug into my receiver to play). But what was even worse than that is most of the background orchestra is not a real orchestra for the most part. There are some very bad keyboard/electronic sounds being used for brass and woodwind parts that are extremely outdated. This was really a let down for me as the Lord of the Rings background music was the actual orchestra and sounds amazing. Honestly, some of the sounds they used are laughable and sound like MIDI sounds off of an old computer. Finally, as you can see, there tends to be quite a few more songs from the newer films (parts 1-3) and not very much from the classics. This was disappointing as I feel they really left out some decent themes from the classic films and the ones they did include were not such a great sampling (seriously, the cantina song on a violin? meh). I'm keeping this at two stars only because the music seems accurate and is enjoyable to play on its own. However, this product lacks the fun that I have with the Lord of the Rings version. The "level" for this book says 2-3 and I would agree with that. There are some difficult pieces and although there aren't any unusual/difficult keys, there are a multitude of challenging rhythms and accidentals. Sorry to say that this product did not really live up to the quality it should or could have. I didn't mind paying a little extra for this product compared to similar products (presumably because it said "Star Wars" on it), but it should have delivered more than a let down for that premium.

Scheduled to arrive on Saturday, got it on Thursday. Awesome music! The only color the book had was the cover, front and back. All of the other pictures in the book are in black and white. But I didn't buy this book for the pictures. The sheet music is for piano and they have another separate book inside for the violin sheet music. Great to play duets. They include a CD inside that has all of the songs, two versions. The first is the complete song, the second is without the violin part so you can play along. Definitely a must for Star Wars fans and people who just love Star Wars music in general! Two thumbs up~ d(^\_^)b

My son likes it.

I wanted a song book of songs that I was familiar with so in theory it would be easier to reproduce on my electric violin. I've only been playing for a couple months so some of these songs are too

complicated for me at this point. However when I play I can hear which movie I'm in. The accompanying cd is excellent because it has both versions of a track. The cd has How it's supposed to sound and then the background music. I highly recommend this book for any movie fan of the franchise.

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