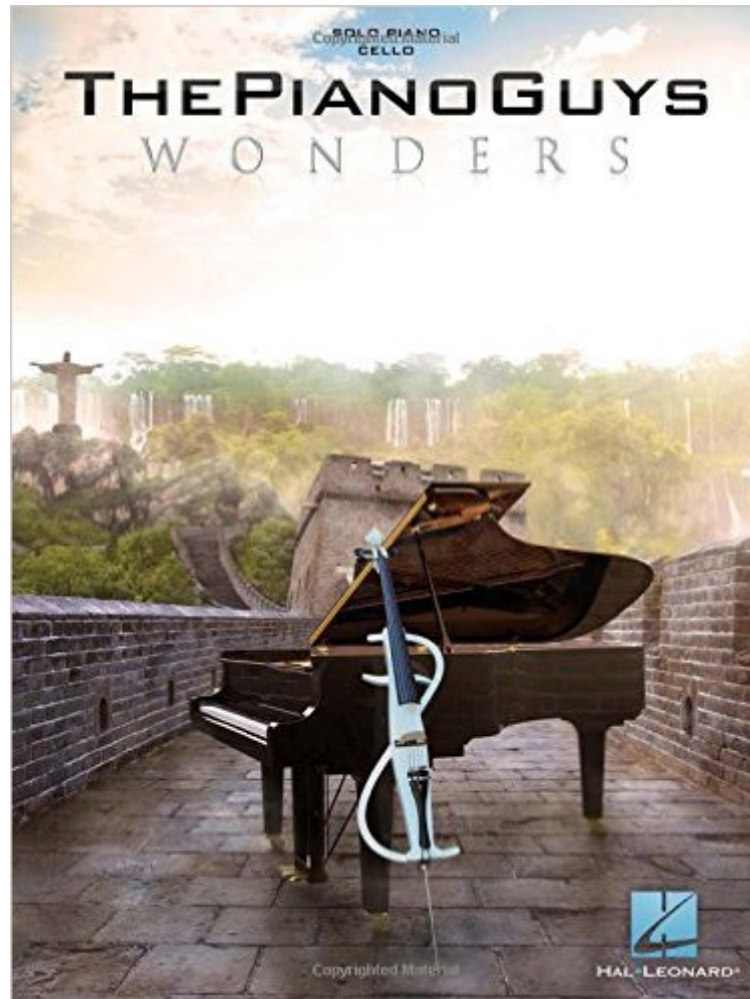


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# The Piano Guys - Wonders (Piano Play-Along)



## Synopsis

(Personality). The Piano Guys' 2014 release debuted at the top of the New Age albums chart and also topped the Classical Albums, Classical Crossover Albums and Internet Albums and also took them into the top 12 on the Billboard 200 for the first time. It features 12 more of their unique and creative arrangements including: Ants Marching/Ode to Joy \* Batman Evolution \* Home \* How Great Thou Art \* Kung Fu Piano: Cello Ascends \* Let It Go \* The Mission \* Story of My Life \* and more. This book features piano arrangements with separate pull-out cello part.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is amazing! The arrangements sound very similar to the ones that you hear them play with a few exceptions because of it being written for one cello and one piano and sometimes they use more than one cello. But, the piano part makes up for it so the sound is very similar. I would not say that the cello part is optional if you want the true sound. If you don't have anyone who plays cello, you could always use a keyboard with string sounds for that part. The arrangements themselves are difficult. I have played piano for 14 years and have done some very difficult pieces throughout many genres. These are definitely doable for an advanced pianist, but they still take some work. Some you might pick up right away while others will definitely take some practice. My friend who is a cellist says that the cello part is definitely for an advanced cellist. It is well arranged and very enjoyable to try but they are definitely hard. I am looking forward to hopefully get some

polished and try getting them down pat. I would buy this again in a heartbeat.

Well written music, but pretty much requires a cellist to complete the sound. I bought this for my wife for her birthday because she loves listening to the Piano Guys so much. I was hopeful with it being listed in the piano section that the cello part would not be required. Unfortunately, I was wrong and we ended up returning it. Don't get me wrong, there are a few songs that do not require a cello, but not enough to make the purchase worth while. If you are a piano player and have a friend who plays the cello, I highly suggest this book! The only other complaint I have is the binding they insist on using for these books. We often times take our music books to Office Max and have them cut of the spine and coil bind the books for us.

Honestly, I was a little let down by this book. I did enjoy the Piano Guys first book, but this feels different. It doesn't seem like it is written for pianists in the way John Schmidt formely has written his music. I feel like the piano parts don't hold much of the melody, and are more background music. I understand that the piano part is written to go with the cello part, but realistically, most of us pianists will not be playing a duet with a cello. So we need a strong piano part! I feel like if they were only written by John, they would be more engaging.

Be warned that there are TWO "Piano Play Along" versions of this book. Sadly, this is not the one that includes the downloadable backing tracks. Unfortunately, I haven't had time to go through this book until recently, so I only realized this a day after the 30 day return window expired. For a play along experience that does not require you to find a cellist be sure to track down the alternate edition, also on .As far as this particular edition, I don't find it very enjoyable for solo piano. I am curious as to whether or not it is the same print edition as the other version. If so, it might become more useful if the backing tracks are made available for separate purchase.

Not a simplified version, which is awesome! I hate when you get a piano book that is so over simplified that it's no fun. Be sure you have a music buddy that plays the cello though otherwise it's not as much fun.

I bought this for my son who plays the cello and loves most of The Piano Guys music. He really enjoys getting to play their music.

This is probably my favorite album of theirs, so getting the music was great. Who doesn't love the Batman theme song?

Great to have the score for these great arrangements. My son loves them!

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