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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed all of the songs in this book By Brian C. Nice I enjoyed all of the songs in this book. I had not played any arrangements by Paul Johnston before, so I was pleasantly surprised. There is a lot of variation in the songs. Though the book says advanced, I would say it is more like late intermediate as there are not a lot of runs or difficult transitions.

This collection contains favorite music of the Christmas season, with fresh, jazzy arrangements. Each piece contains a

written-out solo section, so even musicians unfamiliar with playing jazz can sound as if they're improvising a solo. Titles: * Angels We Have Heard on High * Away in a Manger * Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella * Deck the Halls * God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen * It Came Upon the Midnight Clear * Jingle Bells * Joy to the World * Lo! How a Rose Blooming * Silent Night. ". . . after playing through this book, I feel I have taken a crash course on improvisation! Every piece in the book contains a written-out improvisation solo, so even if you are not a jazz musician, you can 'fake' it by just learning the notes as written! The amazing thing is, after a while, you cannot help but experiment with your own improvisations!" --Yiyi Ku, Music Teachers Helper Blog