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Merle Travis : The Merle Travis Collection Songbook (Guitar Recorded Versions) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Merle Travis Collection Songbook (Guitar Recorded Versions):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. NOT THE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE!!!By Michael J BarberMarcel Dadi's DVD "The Guitar of Merle Travis" has a booklet included with the DVD that has very accurate tabs of some of Travis' most popular instrumentals:Blue BellCane Break BluesCannonball RagFuller BluesJohn HenryLost JohnNine Pound HammerSaturday Night ShuffleMemphis BluesToo Much Sugar for a DimeWalkin' The StringsIf you want to learn Merle's style I'd strongly recommend Dadi's DVD over this book and I do own both. Dadi teaches you the songs and you get the tab for 4 bucks more than this book. This book really isn't great for much more than the chord progressions of some hit songs. Also, Dadi's tab for Cannonball Rag is more accurate and clearer on how to play it than the version in this book.9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. There are better

optionsBy N. SarverFirst of all, the selection of tunes is pretty darn lousy - almost bizarre. I'd assume that most people who want to learn how to play guitar like Merle Travis don't want to do so because of his swing material. I, and I'd think most other guitarists, was hoping for a collection which included the thumb-picking style he so energetically pioneered and for which he is best known. Unfortunately, the only tune in this book fitting that description is "Cannonball Rag." Also the transcriptions don't seem to be particularly faithful to any of the Merle Travis records that I own.If you are in the strange group of guitarists who always dreamed of playing "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke (That Cigarette)" and "So Round, So Firm, So Fully Packed," this is the book for you. If you want to learn tunes with actual Travis picking, there are other, far better options available. Tommy Flint's book is phenomenal, but it doesn't contain many of Travis's actual songs; only a bunch in his style, nutty chord fingerings and all. Both Thom Bresh and Marcel Dadi have excellent videos which go into detail on the ins and outs of his playing on a great selection of his tunes, as well as tips on getting a handle on the tricky parts.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The only option available ...By BonifatiusI'm not particularly fond of this songbook. Unfortunately, it's currently the only option if you are looking for a Merle Travis songbook. The main issue I have with this book is that it doesn't contain a whole lot of Travis' famous guitar solos, with the notable exception of Cannonball Rag, the transcription of which I don't find to be very accurate, to tell you the truth. The other tunes are mostly sung by Merle Travis and accompanied by his band. I'd rather prefer a collection of transcriptions of his many fine instrumentals, but again, that's the deal - take it or leave it.Sokolow doesn't provide any information as to where the original versions can be found. This is a problem, since Travis re-recorded a lot of his hits and never played a tune the same way twice. I compared the transcriptions to Travis' recordings and came up with the following: The Cannonball Rag-version can be found on "Stricly Guitar", Dark As A Dungeon can be found on "Finger Picking Travis - The Best of Merle Travis", I Am A Pilgrim on "The Merle Travis Guitar" and the rest of the transcriptions on "The Merle Travis Story", all of which are still available as CDs from .

(Guitar Recorded Versions). Notes and tab for 15 songs by one of country guitar's greatest legends. Includes: Cannon Ball Rag * Dark as a Dungeon * Fat Gal * I Am a Pilgrim * Kentucky Means Paradise * Sixteen Tons * Start Even * Sweet Temptation * and more, plus a biography/introduction.