

Elementary-Advanced Appropriate Methods Overview

Faber Piano Adventures Levels 1-3B

- Consists of folk tunes and light classics
- Touches on blues and chords I, IV & V
- Includes teacher duets
- Also available is a “Popular Repertoire” book
- Syncopation is more heavily featured
- Also available is a “Performance” and “Gold Star” book
- The Gold Star book includes an accompanying CD
- There are more challenging classical style pieces, chords and duets to pursue in these supplementary books

Alfred's Solo Book Level 4

- An appealing book without looking too babyish
- includes popular pieces from Broadway and Top Hits well known
- Great for 12years- about 16 if necessary

Alfred's Famous & Fun Pop

- Graded as early elementary (Bk2), Late elementary (Bk3) and Intermediate-Advanced
- Clear advancement and progression of pieces
- Keeps young/ youth engaged and gives them a good sense of achievement

Alfred's Premier Piano Course

- Levels 2B- 6 good for this level of learning
- Is appealing, in colour
- Brings in points of interest regarding composers and theoretical concepts
- Suitable for young advanced students to youth without narrowing exposure to different styles
- Mixture of theme-based songs, classical and blues
- Also available Performance supplementary book

Bastien Piano Basics

- Levels 2&3 good elementary leading to more advanced pieces
- Includes well known tunes like the "Can-can"
- Presented well includes colour
- Logical progression of material

Up Grade- Light Relief between Grades (Faber Music)

- Compiled by Pam Wedgewood
- includes popular tunes
- students able to learn new concepts without too many technical challenges
- Attractive and fun looking book/ music

Sonny Chua Piano Music (Books graded)

- Graded Prelim/ Gr 1, Gr2/ Gr 3
- Fun pieces with fun titles (Cockroach Stomp, Cuckoo Fairy)
- Fairly serious looking book (perhaps good for students whose parents are pushing them hard and need some musical light relief)

- Includes CD

Simply Beautiful (Alfred Pub.- Jerry Ray)

- Marketed more for adults/ classical lovers incl. young adults
- a wonderful collection of classical music
- All composers are well known (Debussy, Tchaikovsky, Puccini)
- gives student a sense of advancement and accomplishment

“The Joy Of” (series) (Denes Agay, Yorketown Music Press)

- Titles to appeal to many different ages and appeal to different types of music and attitudes to music
- Good layout, no fuss music
- Good collections of appealing music in each category

Famous Easy Classics- John Brimhall

- excellent introduction to classics
- many famous tunes (Für Elise etc)
- good for young to older students
- encourages students to achieve something that they and friends know

Advanced Piano Encyclopedia (Alfred Pub.)

- Substantial book
- appealing to adults who don't want to spend lots of money on lots of books
- gives variety of styles in one book
- covers pop, movie, Broadway, jazz, love songs, TV and country themes
- Great for adults playing for own pleasure

Dan Coates Complete Advanced Piano Solos (Alfred Pub.)

- Big book
- Great for adults playing for own pleasure
- appealing to adults who don't want to spend lots of money on lots of books
- gives variety of styles in one book
- Many famous tunes that would appeal to middle aged to older students

10 for \$10 (Alfred Pub.- Dan Coates)

- affordable collections of music in groups of 10
- Categories include Modern Rock, Classic Rock, Standards, Ballads, Movie Hits, Broadway, TV Themes, Solo Piano Showpieces, Classic Rock Hits, Classical Piano Favourites and Top Movie Hits
- can introduce one genre/style at a time and associated techniques/ theory etc
- affordable way to build a collection
- great supplementary material to set method books/ exam books

Decade by Decade (Alfred Pub.- Dan Coates)

- Covers each decade from 1930's to 1990's
- obvious appeal to certain ages or those interested in certain eras of music in the 20th century

Budget books

- Plain functional music
- 28 categories
- affordable with variety