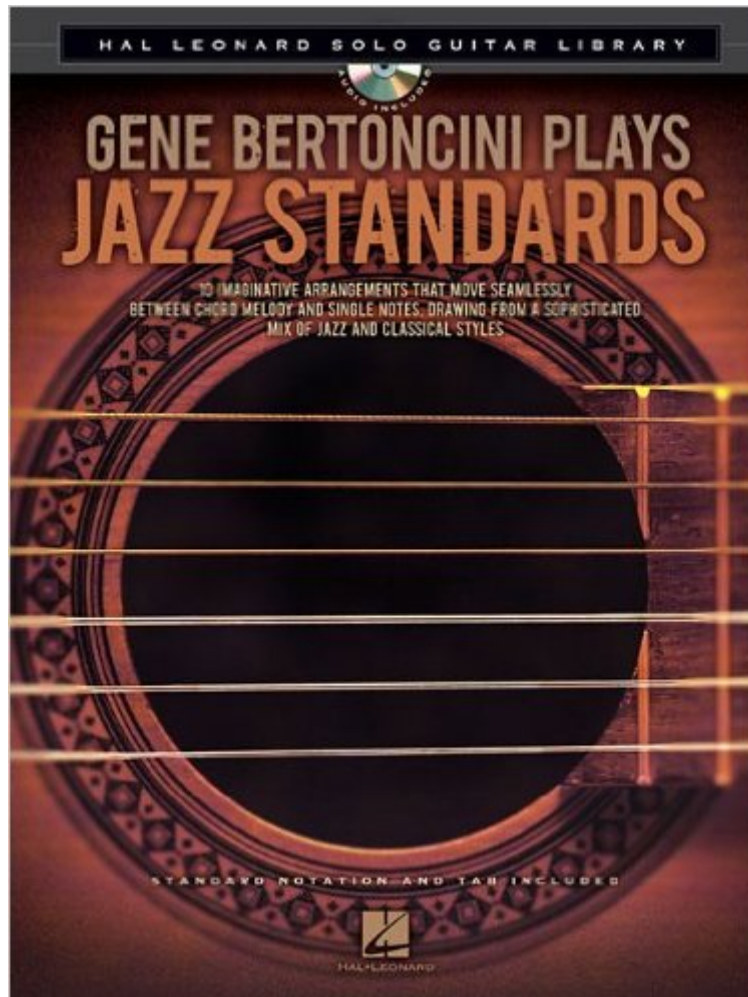


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Customer Reviews

The fact that this collection exists at all is cause for celebration. These ten arrangements come from the albums "Body and Soul" (1999) and "Quiet Now" (2005), which are both brilliant recitals from start to finish. I don't have much to add to the chorus of 5-star reviews already on this page, but I do have a plea for this project to continue with a Vol. 2. Here's the tunes in Vol. 1: *Body And Soul* *Cavatina* *Edelweiss* *How Are Things In Glocca Morra* *I Remember You* *My Funny Valentine* *My One And Only Love* *Quiet Now* *Sophisticated Lady* *Stardust* *Between the two albums are another 17 tunes (some linked together in 2-song medley arrangements), including a few intriguing choices such as Claude Thornhill's "Snowfall," the theme from "Bang the Drum Slowly" (based on "Streets of Laredo," which was based on the Irish ballad "The Unfortunate Rake"), Jobim's ballad "Olha Maria," Tadd Dameron's "On a Misty Night," a heartbreaking beautiful version of Puccini's "Nessun Dorma,"*

and Schumann's "Träumerei," A full list of what got left out includes: The Shadow of Your Smile Round Midnight But Beautiful Greensleeves Snowfall Lush Life / Isfahan Giant Steps / On a Misty Night Träumerei So In Love / The More I See You Olha Maria Nessun Dorma Waltz for Debby / Very Early Theme from "Bang the Drum Slowly" It's been almost 10 years since "Quiet Now" was released, and who knows if there will be any more solo guitar arrangements coming from Gene. I hope so. I also hope Jason Ennis, the transcriber of this collection, might have transcribed all of the music on Body and Soul and Quiet Now, or if not, may yet complete the task with Gene's input.

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