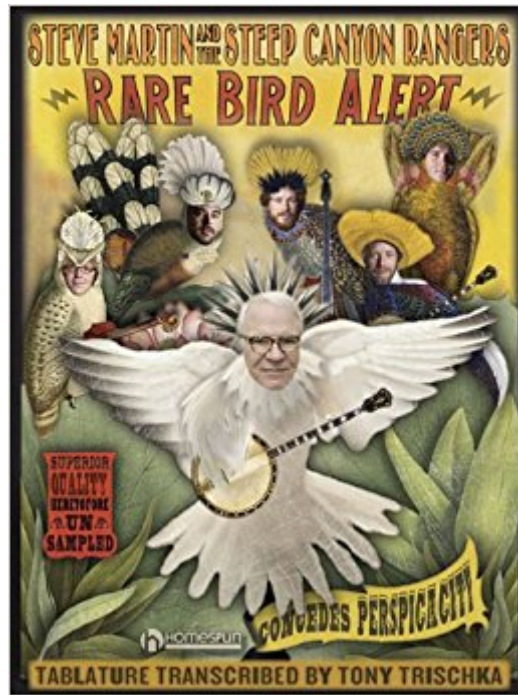


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RARE BIRD ALERT TABLATURE BOOK



Synopsis

(Homespun Tapes). Steve Martin's latest CD, *Rare Bird Alert*, has received raves from critics, fans and players alike. His 13 songs and sparkling banjo solos, in both clawhammer and three-finger picking styles, are whimsical and fun-filled, always beautifully crafted and superbly played. This new book features tablature and lyrics, and Steve has added brief instructions for playing each tune.

Songs: *Rare Bird Alert* * *Yellow-Backed Fly* * *Best Love* * *Northern Island* * *Go Away, Stop, Turn Around, Come Back* * *Jubilation Day* * *More Bad Weather on the Way* * *You* * *The Great Remember (For Nancy)* * *Women Like to Slow Dance* * *Hide Behind a Rock* * *Atheists Don't Have No Songs* * *King Tut*.

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this book figuring that I would still have to improvise for fear that the tabs would be overly simplified. I really only wanted this book for one song - *The Great Remember*. I was so excited to discover that great efforts were made to ensure that these tabs were extremely accurate and NOT simplified. Every hammer-on and pull-off is included. Buyer beware: these tabs are difficult. If you want to play like Steve Martin you are going to have to spend some time with these tabs. Awesome book.

great tablature. some strange banjo tunings involved. definitely not a beginner book. Unless you are 1) an experienced player and 2) willing to retune/restring your banjo often (some songs recommend

heavier strings) I would not recommend this book if you are trying to replicate what is played on the CD. To put it in perspective, I've been playing over a year now and this book is still beyond my reach.

the only way i figured out clawhammer... the great remember is why i bought it and it was worth it just for that tab. remember this is tab for banjo players, not a book about comedy or steve martin although there are many comments in there from steve.

These tabs are a great way to play along with Steve Martin and Graham Sharp. I am a somewhat beginning banjo player and made it most of the way through the Crow. These tabs are a bit trickier than the Crow. The best part is I am becoming comfortable with a capo. Both Rare Bird Alert and the Crow use a number of different tunings. Rare Bird takes it a bit further with extensive use of a capo.

Nice, fun book. My only issue is that this is the simplified versions of all the songs. I was hoping to get some deeper insight into some of lines played throughout the album, but this really just gives the high level overview. Not to say that I don't appreciate that (it certainly helps the learning curve), but more details would be nice. Of course, some of the other reviews say that the songs in this book are too hard, so I guess you can't please everybody. I would say this is an intermediate level book. Aside from that everything I've played so far as been accurate and the excerpts from Steve about each song are really cool. Glad I have it in my collection.

Bought for gift and he loved it. Great price with prime. Plus it came when it was supposed to for birthday gift.

This is a must own for any banjo player, or Steve Martin fan in general, the man is nothing less than extraordinary! A great gift to share from the greatest entertainer of all time!

I've had only a short time. So far I really like the tabs. Takes a lot of practice, but Martin makes it easier. Love the claw hammer and the 3 finger picken'. Great job.

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