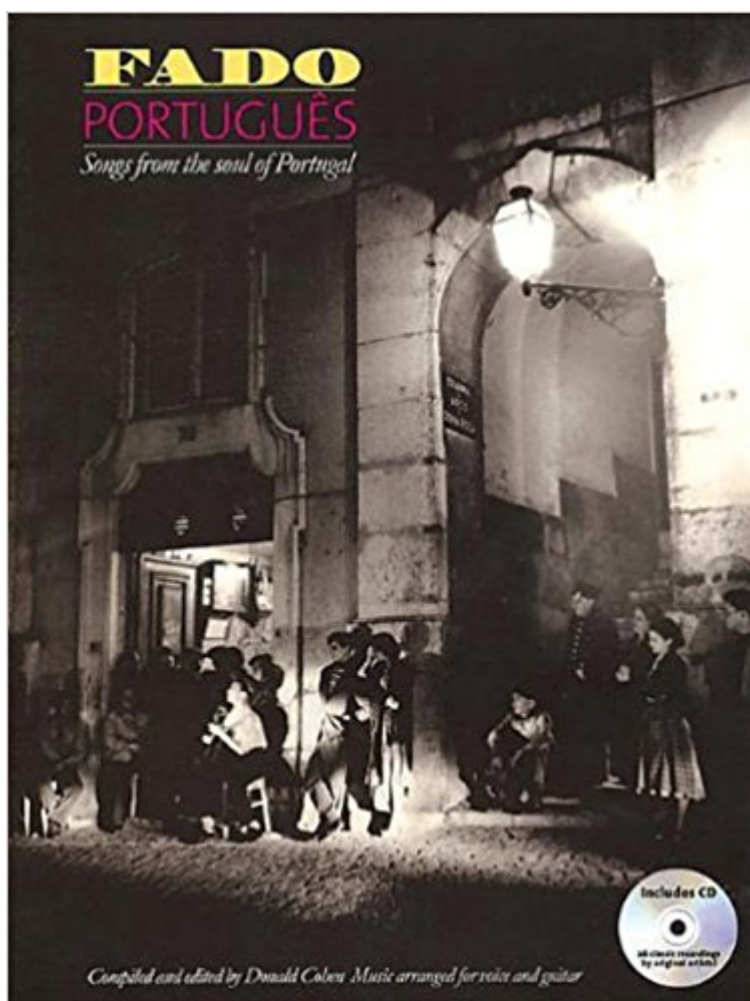


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Fado Portugues: Songs From The Soul Of Portugal (With Audio CD) (Music Sales America)



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

If you're a musician and you love Fado, this book is a MUST HAVE!!! The cd it comes with has so many wonderful, classic Fado songs. The book also has the chords so you can play along with on the guitar!! Some of the chords don't match the key of the recording, but it wasn't too difficult for me to figure out the key on the cd and transpose all the chords. And I think I only had to do that on 3 or 4 of the 26 songs!! Even if you're not a musician, this book is great because it is an excellent read! Mr. Cohen does a great job of explaining the history of Fado and on the 1 page explanation of each song, you also learn a lot about the artist, about what the song is about and he sometimes explains the history of the specific song. So, I guess I should change my first sentence. If you love Fado (whether or not you are a musician) this book is a must have!

The book is full of information and photos about Fado and its singers and composers. Some of the fados are well known, others not so....but all the selections on the accompanying cd are beautiful. It makes a big difference to have the lyrics both in Portuguese and in English and deepens one's appreciation of the music. . The only personal problem I had was that the music was not standard

guitar notation...its transcribed basically for voice with some chord indications. Otherwise it is a book well worth having.

My kids study music in college and this book came to meet all of their needs! One needed new voice pieces, and the other was writing a project on Portuguese music! A fantastic resource. Portuguese is their mother's background so they are very happy!

I liked the selections. Score is for voice with some guitar tablature. There is no score for Portuguesa guitarra, viola or viola-baixo. I would have given 4.5 or even 5-stars if the score was complete. As far as I know, this is the only Fado collection available in English, so it is still quite a find. The music recordings are mostly recognizable Fadistas. They don't always match precisely with the score but I consider this a minor hiccup. If you like Fado and want the melodies and words, this is a good music book for you.

This is an individual choice of Fados whereby some of the older and less "visible" Fado singers can be heard. The annotation of the songs is approximate as the singers include melismas and other decorations that would very much complicate the melodies and make them unapproachable for amateurs. This is a good representative anthology with interesting background information

This book is wonderful! The songs are quite authentic, and the accompanying CD is a welcome complement.

Bringing fond memories of the fados we heard as children. Great presentation and wonderful key for posterity to know the music which moved people and nations

As a lover and collector of Portuguese Fado, I was delighted to find this book. The author's extraordinary knowledge of the this iconic Portuguese art form is presented in a concise and well written text, accompanied by some wonderful photos of performers and places. The CD included in the book is a treasure of old, out of print and obscure (to younger people) recordings that illustrate the development and scope of Fado. The sheet music is an excellent addition as well. If you are not familiar with Fado I would recommend several recordings that will delight you. *Art of Amalia; Fado Em Mim, Concerto em Lisboa w/Bonus DVD* ; *Spirit of Fado, Vol. 1.*

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