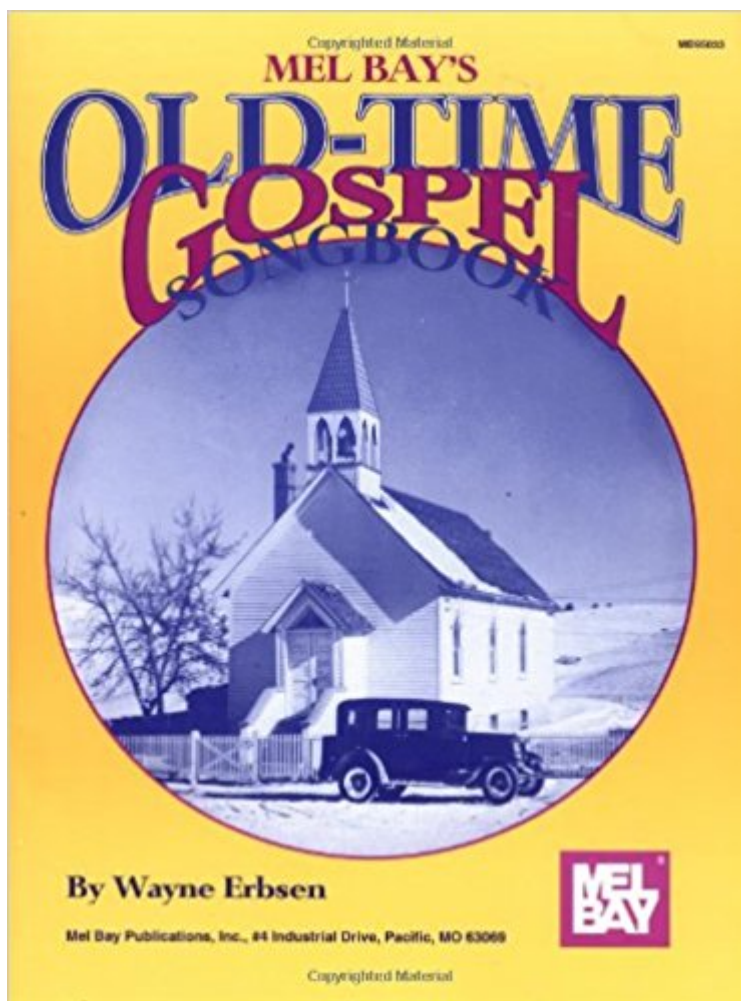


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# Mel Bay Old Time Gospel Songbook



## Synopsis

Southern gospel classics that will warm your heart, fill your soul, and even get your toes to tapping. Most of these religious songs come from American soil, but the imagery of the poetry, and some of the twists and turns of the melodies have been borrowed from unknown songwriters in ancient times and foreign lands. The book includes a historical survey of the roots of gospel music--shape-note hymns, religious folk songs, camp meeting spirituals, and sentimental religious songs. All songs are in melody form with lyrics and guitar chords.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Wayne Erbsen's lifelong passion has been to research, collect, perform and preserve old time songs. He is Director of the Appalachian Music Program at Warren Wilson College in Swannonoa, North Carolina and president of Native Ground Music, which produces recordings and books on old time music. Wayne is an active teacher of banjo, fiddle, mandolin and guitar. He has been involved in early country and gospel music for over thirty years. As a teacher, writer, recording artist, and performer he has carried his music to all parts of the country and even to Europe. He now resides in North Carolina with his wife and three children.

If you like old-time gospel music and American history, this book is a hidden gem of the music world. The historical pictures alone make it worth the price.

This is exactly what I was looking for. Almost all of the songs I remember hearing and singing as a boy.

This is a good introduction to Gospel Old Timey music. Most of the key signatures agree with those prevalent in my area so it works well in my Wednesday night jam sessions.

Purchased as a gift from the description the recipient gave me, and looking at the book, this turned out perfect. Thanks.

As Expected

great book!!

love it....thanks

This wonderful book was published in 1993, and it is indeed a good collection of about 50 of the best-known old-time gospel songs. In 2006, Erbsen published *The Bluegrass Gospel Songbook*, which includes all of the songs in this book (except "I Will Arise" and "Rock of Ages"), plus 50 more songs. I haven't seen the newer book, but the online preview of the new book looks like it's bigger and better than the older one.

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