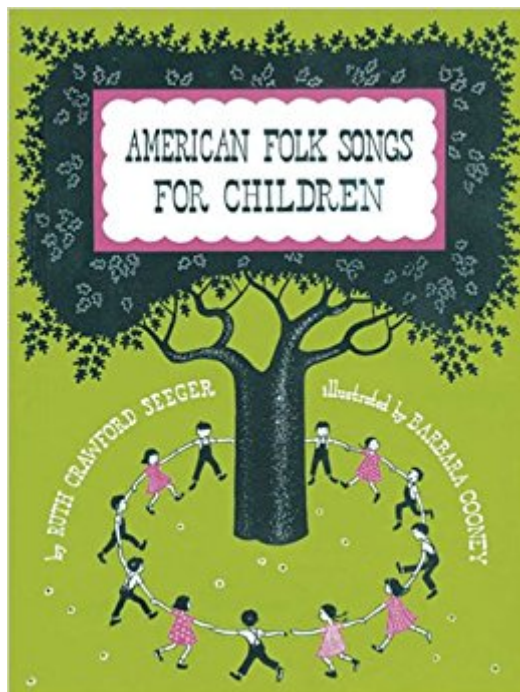


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# American Folk Songs For Children



## Synopsis

(Music Sales America). A fully-illustrated collection of over 90 favorite folksongs for children. Perfect for children, parents, and teachers.

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## Customer Reviews

The book gets 5 stars. It's a great one! The reprint gets 1 star at best. It looks like it was scanned at poor resolution and printed with a fuzzy ink jet printer. It serves its purpose, but for a book written with such care, this reprint looks as if it were done with no care at all. Buyer beware. And shame on the reprinter, I could have made a sharper copy with my cheap home printer/scanner than this supposedly "professional" one. Okay, rant over.

A must have for educators and lovers of children's music! Ruth Crawford Seeger's philosophy and organization is supreme and still highly applicable to teaching today. Enhance this by purchasing the recordings made by Peggy & Mike Seeger in the 1980's.

It is a fun book. Love it. Did buy it for friends as well. We love the words to the songs.

I own a lot of song books for use with my children (we homeschool), including lots of specialty Waldorf books. I love many of them, but this is the book that my whole family seems to enjoy the most. The songs are SO catchy and delightful to sing with the kids. Ruth Seeger specifically

selected folk songs that were beautiful, fun/easy to sing, and lend themselves well to improvising lyrics/motions with children. The kids love making up new verses for all the songs, and we often sing them while we are out doing other things (going on walks, etc.). The piano accompaniment pieces are deceptively simple yet provide a rich sound (if one decides to use them). There are also chords provided, and sometimes I play my ukulele along with the songs. Also, every page is illustrated with quaint and charming drawings by the magnificent illustrator Barabara Cooney! It must have been one of her first projects! I love everything about this book! If you can read music, buy it!

It is wonderful to see this album in print. There is nothing like it in the repertoire for children, and of course there has never been any composer to rival the diverse works of Ruth Crawford Seeger. My family members in their 90s enjoy the pieces, perhaps remembering some of them, as much as the young children. Thank you for making the collection available.

I love the good old sound of each song.. I remember my childhood days.. with my grandpa..sitting under an oak tree.

This book is a treasure! The introduction gives a wonderful background on these authentic folk songs and how they can be used with children. This is an essential book for music teachers, but also great for parents. Be careful, though, because once the children know the songs you'll hear them over and over again... :)

I have used Seeger's American Folk Songs for Children since my first child was born in 1966. Later it was an invaluable resource in my classrooms of autistic children. The adaptability of the songs to making up your own verses, allowing children to interject their creative ideas, makes them work in many settings. My copy is tattered and torn, and I'm ordering a new one for a just-born great-nephew!

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