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#### **Review**

I recommend this well conceived and researched book. The tunes that Neil uses as a base for his etudes are wonderful. --Dave McKenna, jazz pianist

Solo Jazz Piano includes a wide variety of techniques and ideas that are certain to captivate students and teachers alike. It shows how to apply these ideas, step-by-step, in a very clear, interesting, and practical manner. I highly recommend it to those aspiring to develop a solid foundation of solo jazz piano playing. -- Joanne Brackeen, composer, jazz pianist, Professor, Berklee College of Music

At last, a book that gives the student solo pianist insight as to how to break away from stride and explore the more profound aspects of jazz time and improvisation. --Alan Broadbent, pianist, composer, arranger

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