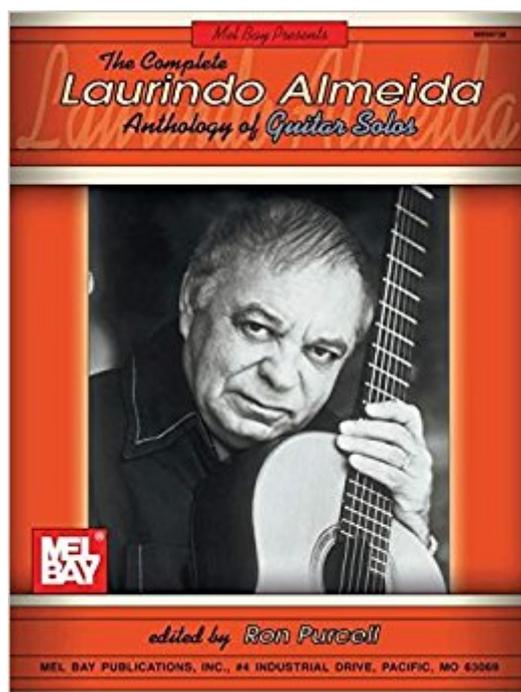


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this, do so while it is still available.

I had expected excellent pieces to play but it's really a collection of exercises.

I love the arrangements in the anthology. Some are quite challenging but are worth the time and effort to learn. I'm very pleased with this purchase. I see many wonderful playing hours ahead.

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