

FADO



*The fado that is sung with
feeling and expression,
That has a guitar to weep,
That brings to the voice a cry so wounded.
And in the air,
The voice of a sobbing guitar.
Fado is always the same
It's always fado
That sets sad souls to dreaming*

A definitive view of Portuguese fado including 26 great songs arranged for voice and guitar, with a unique CD containing classic recordings of every song, performed by the original artists!

Donald Cohen's text provides a fascinating introduction to the sounds and traditions of this soulful urban folk music form. Complete with background notes to each song and full Portuguese lyrics with English translations, Fado Portugaês makes getting to know the 'songs from the soul of Portugal' a delightful reading and listening experience.



Donald Cohen, a retired attorney and college history and music professor, guitarist and folklorist, has spent his life studying, researching and collecting music from Europe and the Americas. One of his particular fields of interest has been the Portuguese fado.

During those studies Mr Cohen developed an extensive interest in, and deep affection for, the history and culture of Portugal and the Portuguese people. He has learned extensively on the subject of fado: its roots, its music and its various variations.



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