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The Versatile Jazz Guitarist is a well constructed, thorough book that players of all levels can benefit from. -  
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This is a most comprehensive and well presented resource for the advancing guitarist. Richard Amster has made a noteworthy contribution to the world of jazz guitar. --Jeff Putterman, Professor of Jazz Guitar, Portland State University

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