Jazz Book Suggestions

The following books are beginner to intermediate level play-along jazz books. When choosing a book keep the following in mind:

- Stick with music that is a little easy, as it's already a challenge playing unfamiliar songs
- Try to choose a book where one or two songs are familiar, this gives your student something they can be immediately successful with
- The accompanying CDs are very useful for hearing how the songs go. I find the "play-along" feature less useful; it can be quite challenging as it often is very fast or hard to figure out when to play.



14 songs for solo saxophone, complete with a play-along CD. Includes: Bernie's Tune * Cry Me a River * Fever * Fly Me to the Moon * God Bless' the Child * Harlem Nocturne * Moonglow * A Night in Tunisia * One Note Samba * Opus One * Satin Doll * Slightly Out of Tune (Desafinado) * Take the A Train * Yardbird Suite.

http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/Jazz-Blues-Alto-Saxophone/2978925



50 songs from 50 movies, including: Beauty and the Beast * Born Free * Candle on the Water * The Candy Man * Endless Love * FlashdanceWhat a Feeling * The Godfather (Love Theme) * Hello Again * Kokomo * Mona Lisa * Moon River * Never on Sunday * Thank Heaven for Little Girls * Unchained Melody * The Way We Were * A Whole New World * more!.

http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/2980555



Three Little Words, Sometimes I'm Happy, I Only Have Eyes For You, Body And Sou, I, I Got Rhythm, What Is This Thing Called Love?, April In Paris, Porgy and Bess: The Man I Love, New Moon: Lover Come Back to Me, Oh, Lady Be Good, Poor Butterfly, Embraceable You

http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/Twelve-Classic-Jazz-Standards-B-flat-E-flat-Bass-Clef-Parts-Digitally-Remastered-2-CD-Set/3364599



The arrangements on the CD feature a jazz trio and, in some cases, a full orchestra. All books are compatible with each other and are playable in any instrumental combination. Titles include: Baby Elephant Walk * Breakfast at Tiffany's * Days of Wine and Roses * Le Jazz Hot! * Moon River * Peter Gunn * The Pink Panther and more.

http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/The-Music-of-Henry-Mancini-Plus-One/1295359



Includes a CDRom so you can change the tempo of the accompaniment. Includes: Now's the Time, Killer Joe, Blue Bossa, C-Jam Blues, Footprints, Song for My Father, Autumn Leaves, Freddie Freeloader, St. Thomas and Blue Train. <u>http://www.halleonard.com/product/viewproduct.do?itemid=841987&lid=0&menuid=2756&subsiteid=65&</u>

If you're interested in trying improvisation...



This collection of jazz etudes with an accompanying CD gives students a fun and effective way to learn to play jazz style blues lines. The CD tracks provide a professional rhythm section (piano, bass, drums) to play along with, plus recordings of professional jazz musicians playing each etude. Each of the 12 etudes provides a new challenge to master.

http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/Essential-Jazz-Etudes-The-Blues-for-Alto-Sax/5034098