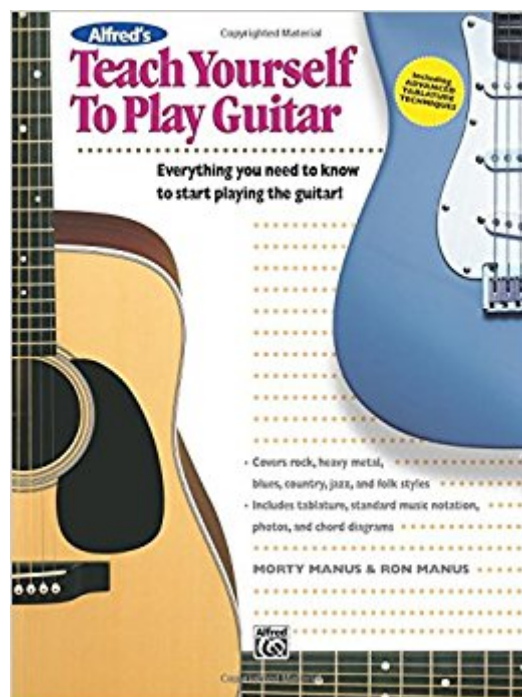




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Alfred's Teach Yourself To Play Guitar: Everything You Need To Know To Start Playing The Guitar! (Teach Yourself Series)



Synopsis

Learn to play guitar and open up a brand new world of musical knowledge with this exciting method from Alfred. Beginners of all ages can start their journey to a lifetime of playing either acoustic or electric guitar. Beginning with the fundamentals, you will learn about various guitar types and the sounds they create, how to care for your very own guitar, and getting acquainted with standard musical notation and tablature. You will then move right along to playing different notes, chords, scales, and songs, lesson by lesson, all while continuing to increase your knowledge of reading and understanding standard musical notation and TAB. You will learn to play in an array of musical styles, including Rock, Heavy Metal, Blues, Country, Jazz and Folk. Near the end of the book, you will be introduced to advanced tablature techniques such as bends, slides, and palm muting, which will help you color your musical creations with your own unique, rockin' style. The book features the following helpful resources for reference during and after your lessons: * Tablature Licks* Dictionary of tablature techniques* Guitar note chart* Magic chord accompaniment guide* Guitar fingerboard chart Be your own teacher, and let Alfred be your resource every step of the way.

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Customer Reviews

Love this book. Bought for an 11 year-old and she's able to teach herself the chords and use a pick to play songs. Written for her age level as well as adult.

Edit 3/31/2014: Changing my rating to 4 stars overall. Overall, this is a challenging and rewarding book. If you are a beginner and don't mind being challenged, this book is good. I own Melbay's expanded book 1 and the Hal Leonard Book 1-3. These are more gradual and develop skills in steps. The Alfred book makes a steeper curve and asks more from the student. The pieces are more difficult but rewarding and sound good. Note that by the end of this book, the lessons are in hammer on/off, bending, etc. - all very pleasing to play and hear. The Hal Leonard series get to the same techniques in book 3. Good luck and enjoy!

Original review: Book = 4 Stars. Slightly above beginner level. Very Good collection of songs that can be motivating e.g. Pachelbel's Canon. They take you all the way up to hammer on and off, slides, bending notes, etc. Makes for a lot of musical pleasure. The CD makes me want to tear my hair out. A CD can be very valuable to get an idea of what sound to make, especially when starting out on a new song. Here are my complaints:

1. The second guitar that is playing chord accompaniment drowns out the songs and makes it very frustrating to understand what the notes are. What is the point of this?
2. This is supposed to be a stupid enhanced CD and on a Computer you can play just the notes or the accompaniment. Using the CD on a computer is still terrible since the MIDI part does not seem to work well on my laptops.
3. I am short on time, as many adults are, and it would be nice to just pop in the CD, grab the guitar and go when I have a few minutes.

A great book to learn the elementary basics of the guitar. I definitely recommend this for absolute beginners

If 1) you have never had a guitar lesson, 2) no one has ever taught you how to play four or five basic chords and 3) you are a good sit-by-yourself-and-learn kind of person, this book may be just what you are looking for. I bought it as a gift to give along with a person's first guitar - and it worked for them! Good luck to you, too!

I purchased this item for an 11 year old, and she thinks it's wonderful. She's already started playing short songs on the guitar and I credit this product for doing so. The book is very descriptive and educational, definitely the best Teach-Yourself book I have seen yet. The notes were easy to learn and the images they showed made learning easy as pie! Definitely a must have for a new guitarist!

good buy

So easy to follow, and with practice it all becomes easier. The added DVD shows how. Go for it.

I have actually owned this book before and accidentally gave it away (yikes:()) so I bought this for my daughter. She highly recommends.

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