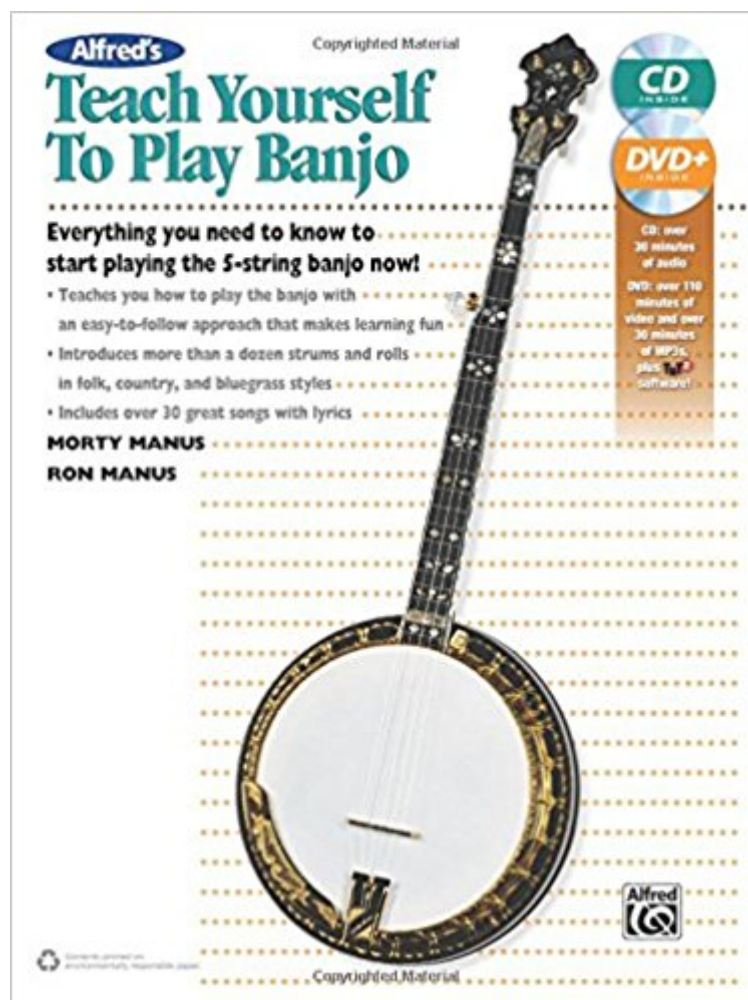


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Alfred's Teach Yourself To Play Banjo: Everything You Need To Know To Start Playing The 5-String Banjo, Book, CD & DVD (Teach Yourself Series)





Synopsis

Learn to play banjo and open up a brand new world of musical knowledge with this exciting method from Alfred Music. Beginners of all ages can start their journey to a lifetime of musical enjoyment. Alfred's Teach Yourself to Play Banjo teaches you to play 5-string banjo even if you've never held the instrument before. The book starts with the fundamentals such as the history of the banjo, its components, how to hold and tune it, caring for your very own instrument, and how to read standard musical notation. You will then move right along to playing different chords, strums, and songs, lesson by lesson, all while continuing to increase your knowledge of reading banjo music. You will learn important banjo techniques such as the hammer-on, pull-off, and more. There are also fingering charts and a dictionary of chords in G and C tunings. This best-selling book is now available with DVD and CD. The DVD includes video lessons and performances for everything in the book, and also includes the TNT 2 audio player that lets you adjust the tempo and pitch, and isolate parts. The CD includes audio performances of every exercise and song. It plays in your CD player or you can download the tracks to your PC. Upon completion of the book, you will be able to play your favorite songs on the banjo, read music, play more than a dozen different strums and perform with a musical group. Be your own teacher, and let Alfred Music be your resource every step of the way.

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Ron Manus is co-owner of both Alfred Music Publishing and its sister company, Daisy Rock Girl Guitars. With five years of prior music industry experience in recording and retail sales, Ron joined Alfred in 1988 and today is the company's Chief Executive Officer. Ron's energetic and creative contributions to Alfred have improved the company in many vital ways. In the 1980s, he managed the creation and growth of Alfred's New Media division, expanding the company's core strengths beyond book publishing and spurring the evolution of music instruction into contemporary mediums such as software, enhanced CDs, videos, and DVDs. He also played an instrumental role during the 1990s when the company transitioned to its current team-based structure, a system that allows the business to react more quickly to changing market opportunities. In 1992, Ron improved Alfred's already pristine reputation by forming a partnership with the National Guitar Workshop, setting up Alfred as the exclusive publisher of their nationally acclaimed curriculum. In 2005, Ron was an instrumental part in the acquisition of Warner Brothers Publications from the Warner Music Group which brought into the company the music of George and Ira Gershwin, Henry Mancini, Duke Ellington, Tony Bennett, Led Zeppelin, the Eagles, the Rolling Stones, Nickelback, Madonna, Carlos Santana, Van Halen, Green Day, Evanescence, and hundreds more. Ron is one of Alfred's top-selling authors, having over 100 published titles to his credit, including instructional items for guitar, bass, banjo, harmonica and ukulele. In addition to holding prominent positions with Alfred and Daisy Rock Girl Guitars, he also plays guitar and sings in the rock-solid, no-nonsense, punk rock band sASSafrASS. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This book disappointed me. I'm a 55 yr old complete musical novice. This book's title should have been, "Teach Yourself to Play Banjo IF you are already a guitar player." It assumes you are musically literate. I'm not. I might pick up this book in another 6 months or so after I have used my other easier banjo books. This book is good if you know how to read musical scores. Other books for beginners have the notes written in an easier to understand format. My other major complaint is even if I could read the notes, the typeset is too small for my middle-aged eyes. I need reading glasses to read it. All in all, I wish I hadn't purchased this. There are better, easier books on the market.

I am disappointed. You need prior knowledge of music to use it. If you can not read music you cannot play the included songs. You cannot teach yourself with this book.

This book covers several methods of playing the banjo for the beginner. My banjo teacher is using

this book for my lessons

Great for a beginner.

It is a nice instruction book.

This book is cool, it tells you how to hold your hands and is really helpful, has songs that pretty much everyone knows, the only thing I didn't like was that the music sheets doesn't use actual musical notes but a number system, (I don't know what its called). I've played piano for years so I'm used to reading music, this number stuff really messed me up. I've found that its really hard to find banjo music books with actual notes.

One very, very important item overlooked in the description of this book...THIS BOOK IS DESIGNED FOR 5-STRING BANJO STUDENTS. Thankfully that's what I have. Impressed with the quick start this will give a banjo newbie, though I shouldn't be surprised as Alfred books were staples during my piano lesson years.

I have been moving right along with the CD Instruction. Very nice fellow teaching, and he can play. Good value for my money.

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