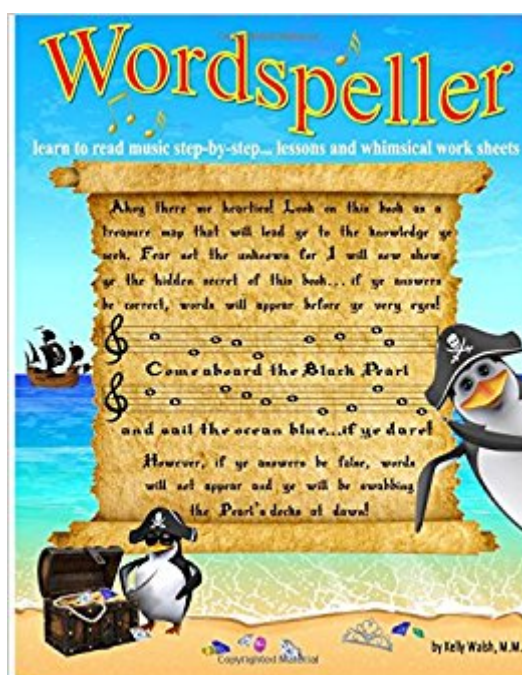


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# Wordspeller: Learn To Read Music Step-by-step. A Book Of Lessons And Whimsical Work Sheets.



## Synopsis

Children (and young-at-heart people of all ages) can easily learn how to read music step-by-step with this delightful book. Every page is in full color, and the fanciful graphics capture and hold the attention of young learners. The 15 light and concise note reading lessons are followed by 30 entertaining worksheet pages, in which the student practices what he learned by writing his own answers on the sheets. (See sample sheets at [www.musicwordspeller.com](http://www.musicwordspeller.com)). Some worksheets, such as "Squishy Slimy Things" are designed to engage the students through humor. Others use the language of music to ask questions about the students themselves such as "What's your favorite ice cream flavor?" or "Do you prefer soccer or baseball?". Teachers of any musical instrument can use this book with their students as a note speller to reinforce their own lessons. Parents who can't read music themselves can easily help their children learn to read music with Wordspeller, but kids can usually learn on their own without assistance from an adult. The worksheet pages can be corrected as easily as you are reading this sentence because the kids' correct answers will form common, everyday words. A United States patent was granted to the author of this book for the originality of the musical note teaching method that is exclusive to Wordspeller. The note reading lessons in this book apply to all musical instruments. The worksheet pages included in this book are Animals, It's All About You, Doodle on a Poodle, A Magical Mystery, Silly Pet Names, Fluffy's on Safari, What's Your Favorite?, Scary Things, Food, Beaks and Claws, When I Grow Up, Did You Ever Eat...?, Sounds Good to Me, Squishy Slimy Things, Party Time or Party Pooper?, The Good Pet/ Bad Pet Challenge, At the Beach, Jelly Beans or Lima Beans?, Chihuahua Tutu Tango, The New Gnu Knew, and A Fairy Tale Ending. (See sample sheets at [www.musicwordspeller.com](http://www.musicwordspeller.com)).

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## Customer Reviews

Reviewed by Janelle Alex, Ph.D. for Readers' Favorite. Kelly Walsh has revealed a fantastic treasure in *Wordspeller*. Children will be enthralled by the colorful pictures and adorable characters. The artwork and practice (pages) will pique children's interest and have them begging to learn the next one. Walsh has done a great job of breaking down the basics of reading music. Just like the rest of *Wordspeller*, the worksheets are fun and playful. Walsh turns something that may be intimidating into a relaxed and very enjoyable experience. I absolutely recommend you have this workbook in your library!

Classical pianist Kelly Walsh earned her Master of Music degree as a piano performance major at Combs' College of Music in Philadelphia where she was awarded with a teaching fellowship and a scholarship. Upon graduating, Kelly devoted many years to teaching piano and music education classes at various schools and colleges in the Northeast. In 1999 Ms. Walsh founded Walsh Piano Studio in Jupiter, Florida where she teaches private piano lessons. Her reputation as an expressive pianist and an exacting musician made her a highly sought-after piano instructor. Aside from teaching and managing her studio, she wrote and was granted two United States patents for a music reading method she created. Ms. Walsh also teaches live, online lessons via Skype. You can watch videos of her playing at [www.pianolessonsinjupiter.com](http://www.pianolessonsinjupiter.com). Kelly lives with her husband and two pampered Chihuahuas. She enjoys learning French and biking.

This is a great little book for anyone, child or adult, that is starting from scratch to learn how to read music. I wish it had been available when I gave up after just a few lessons as a young child years ago because the rote learning was too boring.....fun worksheets like " Squishy Slimy Things" or "The New Gnu Knew" might have kept me at it long enough to make some headway. Heck, I wish it had been available years later when I took up piano at age 56 and had to learn everything again from scratch. It is beautifully illustrated and has the kind of fun worksheets that young students will enjoy....much, much, better than the usual dry as dust note recognition exercises. Apparently Ms. Walsh has even patented the way she uses notes of the staff to spell everyday words as a memory and recognition tool. I know many adults who take up piano skip over note spelling practice in an understandable rush to make some music right away ..... often they would benefit from a few

sessions going through the worksheets in this book. This would also be a great way for parents to interact with their children's learning experience....going through the book and exercises together. Strongly recommended for beginners of all instruments, particularly piano.

I bought this workbook for my granddaughter and she has had a lot of fun learning to read music with it. It is such a nice easy way for anyone, but especially children, to learn to read music.

The price seemed a bit high, but the book is very nice and is a good complement to my kids' piano lessons.

I have four young grandchildren who are taking piano lessons. They enjoy the piano but like all children it is difficult for them to concentrate on learning. I decided to show them the Wordspeller to see if it interested them and if it would keep their attention. I spent time with each one of them first merely browsing the book, then being a little more diligent in taking time to look at the various lessons with care. I left the book first with one family who has one grandchild of mine and then that family gave it to the other family who have the other three grandchildren. I am very happy to report that the book got not only a thumbs up from the parents (as well as this grandparent) but also from my grandchildren. I do not think I can write a better review than to say it is a wonderfully unique method of teaching and one which got the attention of young children. Playing piano, or perhaps any instrument, is so important to develop confidence, pride in oneself and in later years a sense of calm and contentment, that I personally am delighted that this book is available to enable my grandchildren to enjoy the process of learning a musical instrument. Two thumbs up.

I just gave this book to one of my piano students (who's had trouble learning her notes) last week and her exact words when she came into her lesson today were "It was so much fun, I did more than you told me to- I did 5 pages more!". Getting a child to do written homework can be a chore so I was thrilled when she did all of this on her own. The book is beautifully designed and so clever. And a great way to learn.

Wordspeller is such a quick and easy way to learn how to read music. Very well written. Works great for children or adults. Works better than an app. This book will give anyone a jump start on reading music, and get them on their way to a lifetime of musical enjoyment.

This is a wonderful resource for beginning students. The illustrations and explanations offer a fun way of learning to read music. My daughter loves it!

I love this book so much! It is honestly really fun to read and easy to follow along. I would highly recommend this book to anyone of any age!!

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