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# Spin Now! The DJ Starter Handbook



## Synopsis

(Technical). DJ like a pro on any type of gear! Spin Now! puts you on the fast track to DJing, whether you want to be a digital DJ or vinyl junkie. In this book and accompanying DVD-ROM, Los Angeles DJ, world-class turntablist, producer, and classroom instructor DJ Shortee teaches you everything you need to know so you can start mixing tunes like the pros! \* From CDJs, turntables, and DJ mixers to DJ Software, MIDI controllers, and more, discover the tools of the trade and how to choose which are best for you. \* Learn how to set up different gear and how to operate it correctly \* Find out where to get music and how to select your tunes in order to create your own unique sound. \* Learn how to identify beats, count music, sync tempos, and match keys. \* Master the basics of cueing, scratching, and droppin' on the "one." \* Learn how to create seamless mixes through beat matching, blending, and EQing. \* Discover useful practice techniques, get advice on how to promote yourself, learn how to survive your first gig, and more! The included DVD-ROM contains specific exercises directly correlating with lessons in the text, including material that lets you play along in real time. Each technique is taught using both CDJs and turntables and can easily be applied to any DJ software and controllers. No matter what equipment you use, Shortee's lessons are essential to learning how to DJ like a pro! Want to become a Pro DJ? Learn from one!

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DJ SHORTEE, described as the World's Premier Female DJ by the Grammy Foundation, is a multigenre DJ, turntablist, music producer, record label owner (Heavy Artillery Recordings, 5 Star

Records), DJ instructor, and author. Recognized as one of the most diverse and technically skilled DJs in the world, her fast-paced mixing style, expert scratching skills, and energetic stage presence have made her one of the most in-demand DJs touring worldwide. There are few DJs that are truly respected globally in such a wide variety of genres as Shortee, with almost two decades of DJ experience under her belt. She has rocked everything from the hottest nightclubs, massive raves, and b-boy battles to huge festivals and celebrity parties. Named Queen of the Scratch World by DJ Times, her unique contribution to the art of turntablism earned her a spot as the only female DJ featured in the critically acclaimed movie Scratch. Shortee has produced her own DJ instructional DVD series and has taught DJ lessons for over twelve years. In addition to spending four years as a head professor at the Scratch DJ Academy, she has also taught classes, workshops, and online tutorials for the esteemed Grammy Foundation, SAE Institute, Sprite, Frito-Lay, Turntable U, Rane, Serato and more!

Great book. Clear and concise, which I appreciate. I was worried it wouldn't come with the DVD but it did and I'm excited to watch.

Spin Now is, hands down, THE best DJ instructional book for learning the beginner to intermediate DJ techniques. Way more than what I expected from a "handbook" - in fact I wouldn't even call it a handbook at all because it's so informative and comprehensive - yet it's still short enough that you can get through it rather quickly and learn easily without feeling overwhelmed. The lessons are very well written and organized and the DVD is also extremely helpful offering video versions of all the key lessons taught in the book. I dare say, the DVD alone is worth the purchase!! DJ Shortee really does teach you everything you need to know to get started and then some. At \$11 this book/DVD set is actually under-priced for the quality of instruction that Shortee offers. She definitely covers everything from CDJs, turntables, and DJ mixers to DJ Software, DJ controllers and all the must-know DJ techniques to get you up and running fast. In regards to her teaching style, Shortee has a knack for taking intimidating, confusing topics and making them accessible and easy for anyone to understand. Her lessons are extremely thorough and packed with tons of information yet her easy-going personality keeps everything relatable and fun. She breaks everything down into simple step-by-step techniques that you can easily follow and put into action to take your skills to the next level!! I have learned SO MUCH from this book and I'm finally able to hold my own on the decks and mix live! SPIN NOW really is essential for anyone wanting to learn to DJ!! I only wish I had it sooner! FIVE STARS!

This handbook is awesome! DJ Shortee has produced a clearly written, easy to follow, step-by-step guide, packed with tons of information that's an indispensable guide for beginners, and has useful information for intermediates, as well. And as Liam said, the DVD alone is worth it. If you're looking for an easy-access and affordable way to learn how to DJ, taught by an experienced and world-renowned DJ, this is it!

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