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# Alfred's Teach Yourself To Play Harmonica: Everything You Need To Know To Start Playing Now!, Book & Harmonica (Teach Yourself Series)



## Synopsis

Learn to play the harmonica 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 musical enjoyment. Beginning with the fundamentals, you will learn about various harmonica types, how to care for and groom your very own harmonica, how to hold and break it in and getting acquainted with harmonica notation. You will then move right along to playing different notes, chords, and songs, lesson by lesson. You will learn advanced techniques such as bending notes, cross harp, and improvisation, which will assist you in coloring your musical creations with your own unique style. Upon completion of this book you will be able to play the harmonica in all styles, perform with a band, understand the basics of improvising, and know how to read music. The book features the following resources for reference during and after your lessons: \* Licks in the style of your favorite performers\* Complete harmonica note chart\* Blues progressions in various keys\* Brand new Hohner harmonica This book is for diatonic and chromatic harmonicas and teaches you how to play through an easy-to-understand, step-by-step system. Be your own teacher, and let Alfred be your resource every step of the way.

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## Customer Reviews

I became interested in the harmonica about a month ago, taking on line lessons and purchasing numerous harmonica instruction books. I found this one (Alfred's Teach Yourself to Play Harmonica

by Steven Manus and Ron Manus) to be a little different than some of the other volumes. The format (11 by 4 inch) and the circle binding made it easy to read and practice the harmonica. This 160 page text is organized into seven parts. They are as follows: Part one provides basic information on the harmonica such as the history, types, choosing a harmonica, how to hold it, and other information. The second part has explains the basic theory of music and basic harmonica practice. The third part deals with some advanced harmonica techniques. The fourth part gives information on styles and recommended music to listen to with the harmonica. The fifth part focuses on more advanced techniques. The six part explains basic information on some of the various styles of famous performers. The final part provides some suggestions on playing with a band and other vital information. It is important to note that one has to actually study and practice the lessons in this text to become proficient in the harmonica. I was able to follow and play many of the songs in this basic guide. I think it is a good introduction to how to play the harmonica. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Never Trust a Politician).

This beginners harmonica and book are a great way to start out or to give as a gag gift. I gave it to my husband as a joke for Christmas, and this is the gift he liked the most! He has been practicing the songs that came along with the harmonica. The only downside is that the book has a lot of songs that we have never heard of since they are old blues songs. So, we don't know if he is playing them correctly or not. The kids were jealous and have all asked for one for their birthdays.

The book is easy to read and follow, it covers tabs, traditional music, basic and advanced techniques. I would recommend this starter kit to anyone wanting to learn the harmonica. Oh and for the price the harmonica is pretty good.

NOTE: I checked this work out from the library, so I cannot speak to the quality of the included harmonica. What I enjoyed most about this work was that it introduced the reader to familiar songs very quickly. Also, even after introducing traditional musical notation, the book continues to include the numbered notation, which was very helpful. Overall, however, I doubt this is a stand-alone book. I used it as a very helpful supplement to 'The Complete Idiot's Guide To Playing The Harmonica.' By itself, the introduction to playing and caring for a harmonica are very weak where CIG is stronger. I do not recommend this book as a stand alone, but if you're looking to play many simple songs while learning the basics, this book is perfect.

This book is a great way to start learning the harmonica. It also includes a decent Hohner harmonica. I'm an adult who had been away from playing an instrument for a long time and had forgotten how to read music. Teach Yourself to Play Harmonica gives you the basics of playing the harmonica and reading both harmonica tabs and musical notation. In a couple of days, I was playing real songs (which other people could recognize) after learning chords and single notes. Highly recommended.

This book is by far not SIMPLE I ordered another book also and it's MUCH simpler for a beginner. The harmonica also is plastic which doesn't give a sound as well as the wood harmonica's After I teach myself with the other book I'll move to this book.

Good way to get someone started playing harp. Comes with a good quality instrument. Book is easy to follow.

I would suggest this product to any one that is interested to playing the Harmonica.

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