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Synopsis

(Play Today Instructional Series). The ULTIMATE self-teaching method designed to offer quality instruction, terrific songs, and a professional-quality CD with 57 full-demo tracks. This harmonica method can be used by students who want to teach themselves, or by teachers for private or group instruction. Simply follow the tips and lessons in the book as you listen to the teacher on the CD. For use with a standard, 10-hole diatonic harmonica in the key of C major.

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Customer Reviews

Of several different beginner books that I've tried (which admittedly did not include Harmonica for Dummies), I found Play Harmonica Today!: Level 1 (Book & CD) by Lil' Rev to be the one that worked best for me to learn the standard C major harmonica. It quickly helped me get started with simple but fun classic tunes, and then gradually enabled me to learn more advanced techniques such as scales and note bending; the book also included some fun stuff such as simulating an accelerating train, playing the C instrument on tunes in other keys such as A minor, etc.The accompanying CD was very closely aligned with the book with audio instruction and recorded performances of all the pieces by the author which helps with practice. I didn't have the DVD version of this course (also reviewed well elsewhere) but that probably would help those who want to "see" how to position the instrument for optimal effect. A little musical background would be helpful for the beginning student (e.g. being able to read music) but is not essential.Overall a great intro course! (BTW Lil' Rev also travels the country holding ukulele workshops combined with concert

performances featuring the uke and harmonica; having sat in on one in the past, I feel these are very much worth attending as well if he stops near your town).

I have found it to be a very good teaching tool in harmonica basics plus advanced playing that I'm into yet. I have sent this to two relatives that are interested in learning to play the harmonica.

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