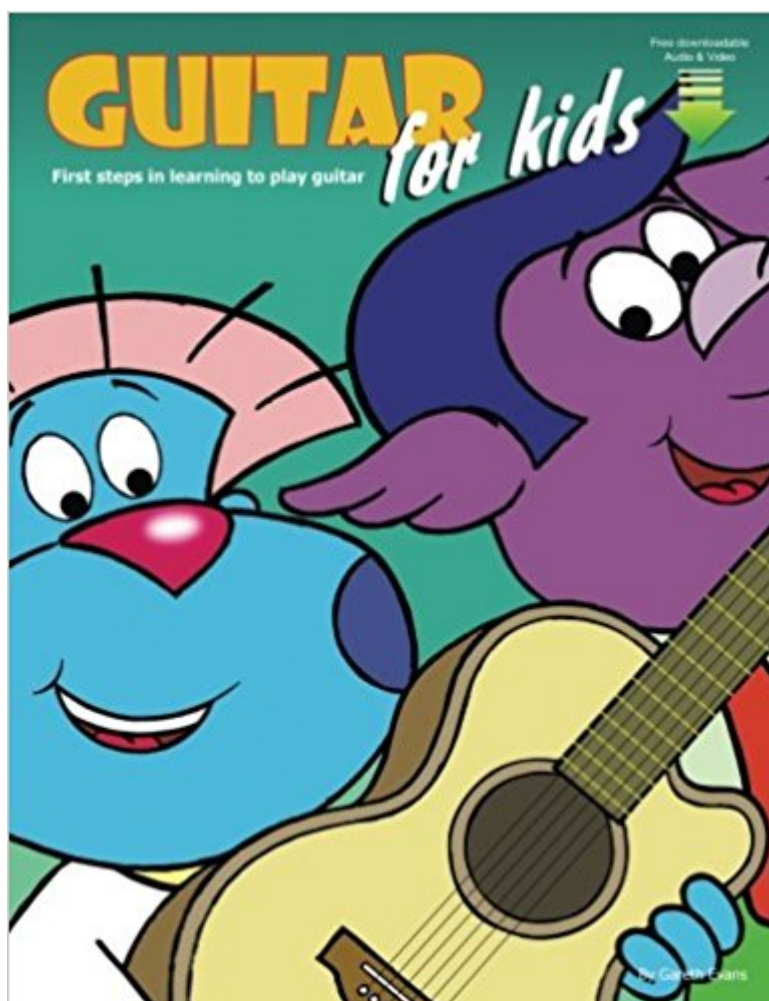


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Guitar For Kids: First Steps In Learning To Play Guitar With Audio & Video



Synopsis

For Videos about the Book please view the author page 1st video on left for three song examples, 2nd video from left for informational. This is the Black and White interior version. The Colour version is ISBN 978-0956954725 Guitar For Kids is a fun guide on the first steps of learning to play Guitar with over 70 photographic examples, purpose-made diagrams and cartoons. Starting with advice on buying your first guitar, how to hold the guitar and how to tune it, the music then begins with easy-to-play melodies using only open strings (open strings means only the plucking hand is used), before moving to simple pieces in which the fretting hand is also used. The book goes into detail for some basic techniques because you're better off getting it right from the start rather than develop bad habits.- Tablature Based Guitar for Kids uses mostly guitar tablature making this popular instrument more easily accessible for beginners (as do most adult guitar method books). The rhythmical aspect of Sight-reading is covered within the Chords section which eases-in the later Sight-reading section because the only new thing to learn will be reading different notes from the musical staff.- Audio & Video Guitar for Kids comes with 47 downloadable audio tracks with musical pieces in styles such as Rock, Blues, Pop, Flamenco, Jazz and Reggae. Each piece has a full band demo track and accompanying backing track with guitar part removed for you to play over. The songs also have video examples.- What Else? EZ chords are covered (easy chords with less notes) and are accompanied with diagrams of the full versions for later on, or if you feel like a challenge. There's an introduction to Power chords with Rock pieces to play named after healthy greens - Broccoli Rockilly and Rocket Salad. There's a Blues and Rock duet with backing band tracks to play with a friend, and at the end there is a Quiz, no cheating! Grab a copy today!

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For some video examples of Gareth's guitar playing (from the "Guitar Licks" books) please view Gareth's author page. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Love the book. It really is a book that offers guitar lessons for beginners. In my household beginners includes a 46 years old momma, a 15 years old teenager and a 9 years old boy. We are old having fun with these lessons and learning so much. I actually decided to update my old acoustic guitar because I'm starting to feel like a pro. My son still learning with a Disney Cars guitar and that's enough for him for now. Again, we are ALL enjoying this very easy to follow book and learning fast. It's definitely for kids of all ages! If you are like me and want to spend quality time with your children without it being playing videogames then start a family tradition of learning to play instruments. Starting with this book and any guitar will change family night forever.

I needed a basic book to teach my eleven-year old how to play guitar. I was pretty wary when I saw the cover and thought it might be too easy, but I was pleasantly surprised to find it was written in a clear way that wasn't childish. I don't know why they had to put cartoon characters on the front, maybe that's the look of every book in the series. I thought the authors did a nice job of explaining what you need to know without bogging it down into too many details. For example, there is a page on buying guitars, there is a page on tuning, there is a page on basic music theory, but then you just move on to playing. The authors also did a good job of explaining WHY things are the way they are, and I learned some new facts along the way too, like why the down stroke and up stroke symbols look the way they do. I also appreciate the fact that they don't make you play nursery rhymes, but contain a variety of different music genres. In all, this will be very useful as I teach my son how to play guitar.

This book may be for kids, but for the novice guitar player it is very supportive. Chris Evans supplies the accompanying cartoons. In his introduction Gareth states, "This book can be used by an individual as well as by a teacher for 1-1 or group lessons. The musical pieces in this book have audio tracks in styles like Rock, Blues, Pop, Flamenco, Jazz and Reggae. You won't find "Three Blind Mice" or "Row Row Row your Boat" styles in here (well at least not until the sight reading section!). In some of the Demo tracks guitar effects are used but all the pieces can still be played with an acoustic guitar. The book goes into a bit of detail about technique but is presented in a clear and fun way. Hey, you might as well get it right from the start rather than develop bad habits! Although sight-reading from normal notation is popular within most

children's guitar method books this one doesn't deal with it until near the end. Before that however, sight-reading the rhythm from normal notation is looked at in the Chords section, which should make the sight-reading at the end a little easier. Gareth explains and illustrated with photographs the various types of guitars in his Buying your First guitar section, then turns to Parts of the Guitar, Tuning your Guitar, How to Hold the Guitar, Plucking the Strings, Tablature, Alternate picking, Fretting Hand Technique, Chords, Power Chords, and finally Sight reading. His combination of photographs, illustrative drawings and audio components make this a very accessible book for beginners. He takes the time to show his hands in the position for chords so there is no confusion, as there might be if words alone were used. Excellent verbiage, entertaining and very instructive guidebook. Grady Harp, July 17

Don't let the cover put you off. This book has the lessons I thought were the foundation of playing well. I was having problems finding lessons that were easy, interesting and covered the fundamentals that I was looking for. I am pleased and will be looking for more by this author. This book was very difficult to introduce to my preteen. He wanted nothing to do with the baby book I kept downloading for him. I kinda had to trick him into reading Guitar lessons for kids. I was able to leave the book open, so he had no clue what he was reading at first. I would give this 5 stars, except the cartoon characters are so preschool age and do not fit with the books diverse age group. He is embarrassed to keep this childish book in his download library.

This is a really easy to follow, step-by-step introduction to playing guitar. I'm an adult who has tried to self-teach numerous times, and always stopped because I couldn't find a good order for things. This book has been really helpful, and I'm looking forward to working the rest of the way through it and finally getting the basics so I can move on to better things. I think it'd be great for kids, too. The only downside is that I'd prefer this were a book I could physically place before me while learning, instead of making sure the screen stays on and bright, etc.

This is a well written and designed book that will teach any beginner the art of playing the Guitar. This is a guide for the young and the old and anyone in between. Well presented and easy to follow and understand. I initially got this for my teen but my 8 year old is also learning and having a great time doing it. This is a great tool in helping with the instructions of playing. Would recommend if you want to learn to play.

This is a very well put together book. It's simple to understand with lots of pictures and diagrams. It makes teaching and aiding kids learning the guitar easier without the price of expensive lessons. It's a great start if you're considering lessons but don't want to pay the high price for something that your child might end up not caring for. But once the basics in the book are mastered and the interest is still there, pursue their dreams!

This book is not just about learning guitar but teaches kids how to read music. A wide range of topics covered from tuning the guitar to blues for two. Very clean, simple illustrations and language. I would've loved to have had something like this as a child. I got this book for my young son - his dad is a guitar player. It's going to be awhile until he's old enough to go through the course.

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