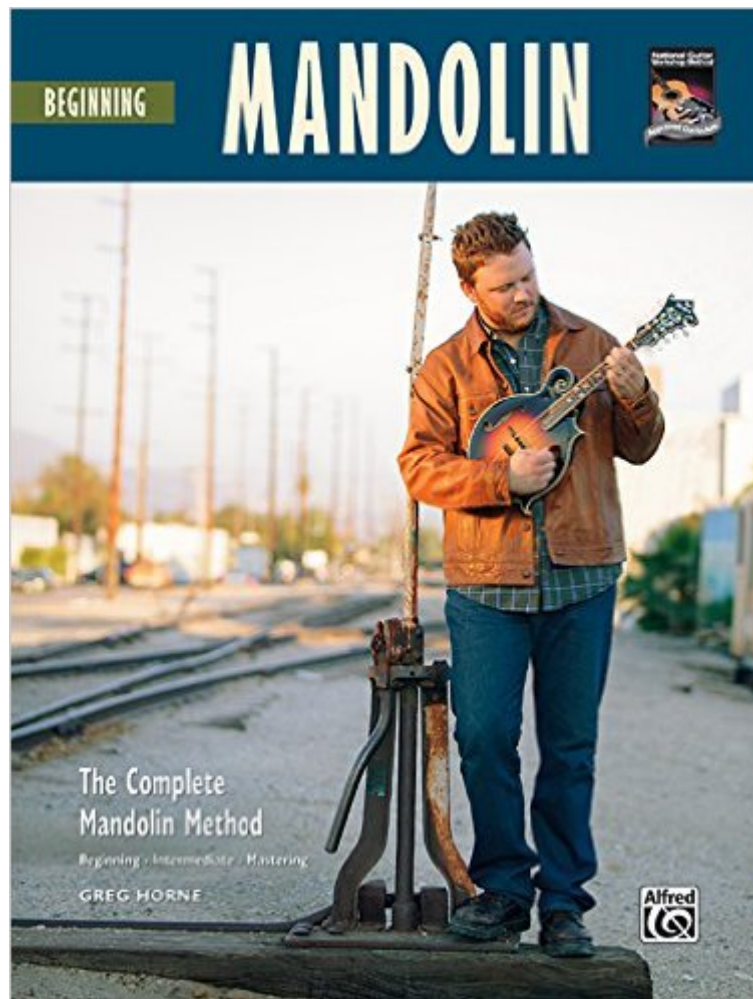


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# The Complete Mandolin Method -- Beginning Mandolin (Book & CD) (Complete Method)



## Synopsis

Start playing mandolin now! This book introduces easy chord forms and basic strumming patterns, and covers fiddle tunes, bluegrass, and blues. Integral techniques such as alternate picking, tremolo, and slides are taught in a fun manner. Students, teachers, and self-taught players alike will enjoy this thorough, easy-to-use method.

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This book is a short but sweet introduction to techniques both universal to music and specific to mandolin. Not a page of the book is wasted; the book is aimed at people with no previous experience, and I think its greatest strength is the pace and the very logical order of lessons and techniques that are taught. Like many novice musicians, I am eager to "dive right in" and start sounding like a pro, but that takes time, hard work, and practice. Many books focus too much on theory or basic drills for reading standard notation, practicing rhythm, etc. I find myself skipping through those books trying to find "the good stuff" so I can actually play a song. On the other hand, many beginner books ONLY include simple songs and melodies, knowing that most of us just want to play some music. However, the flaw with those books are that they skip over important drills and basics required for learning or composing new music once you are done with the songs in the book. Horne's Beginning Mandolin book includes a little bit of both -- basics and composition interspersed with short rhythms and traditional melodies for practice. In this way you are exposed

both to the songs and fun licks to make you feel good and enjoy the music you are making even as a novice, as well as the core concepts and techniques that will be required for composing your own music, jamming, or taking it to the next level of difficulty. I find that this variety makes it very easy to pick up the book and start playing -- you won't want to miss a drill or lesson in the book, so it's very useful to just go through the book in the order it is presented.

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