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American Mandolin Method Volume 1



Synopsis

Master teachers and performers of the mandolin, Brian Wicklund and Ben Winship have crafted this beginning mandolin method book based on the solid system created by Wicklund for the best-selling books, *The American Fiddle Method*. Using clear illustrations and lucid explanations, the authors guide beginning mandolin players through necessary skills such as efficiently holding the mandolin, fretting, picking technique, creating good tone, chop chord and open chord backup. Students learn the techniques while mastering over thirty common jam tunes, which they can practice with using the accompanying online audio.

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Customer Reviews

The first mandolin book where I thought the arrangements were lovely, not gimmicky. It is very complete for beginners. Teaches both open and chop chords. They say to rest your wrist on the bridge, but I wouldn't strictly adhere to that as it's restrictive if you want a loping, swinging sound. Otherwise, what I wish I had years ago. The CD is beautiful and would stand up without the book.

The TABS would have been easier to follow without the added vocal tracks on the included CD. For the benefit of learning and practicing the material, the vocals are a bit distracting. However, some people who want to learn the lyrics and melodies may not be bothered by their addition. Overall, it's one of the best and most affordable methods I have found so far.

Basic, but OK. Not that different or better than any other beginner book.

It's an okay book. The first 20 pages teach very basic technique, and after that it is all songs. I think I was expecting too much. Good book if you just picked up the mandolin.

I have many books on mandolin and this is the best I have seen. There are a good variety of songs. Anyone should be able to play these songs with a little practice. The CD has the complete arrangement for every song in the bookyou can play melody or rhythm, play along with the cd as if you were playing with a live band.

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