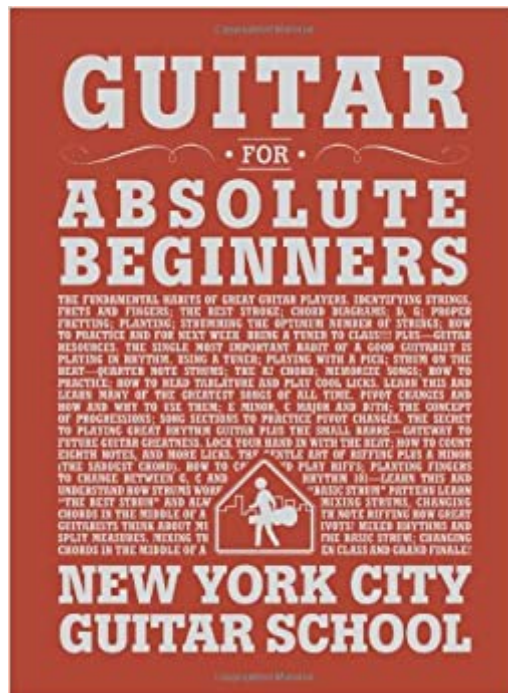


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# Guitar For Absolute Beginners (for Guitar)



## Synopsis

How to play guitar: The effective guitar method successfully used by thousands of busy New Yorkers in their classes at New York City Guitar School. Learn the fundamentals of guitar in the motivating step-by-step comprehensive course for beginners from New York City Guitar School. This program cover all the basics of guitar playing, and includes detailed practice session plans, motivating stories and great song examples. Topics covered include: The Fundamental Habits of Great Guitar Players; Identifying Strings, Frets and Fingers; The Rest Stroke; How To Read Chord Diagrams; The D and G Chords; How To Fret Properly; How To Tune Your Guitar; How To Practice; Quarter Note Strums; The A7 Chord; How To Play With A Pick; The Secret To Memorizing Songs; How To Read Tab and Play Cool Licks; What Are Pivot Changes; G Major; E Minor; D 7th; The Concept of Chord Progressions; examplesThe Small Barre--Gateway To Future Guitar Greatness; Lock Your Hand In With The Beat; How To Count and Strum Eighth Notes; The Gentle Art of Riffing; A Minor (The Saddest Chord); How To Change Between G and C; Rhythm 101--Understand This And You Will Understand How Chords Work; Learn ""The Basic Strum""; Learn ""The Best Strum""; How To Change Chords in The Middle of A Measure; Mixed Rhythms and Split Measures; A Major and E Major; and More. This book is ideal for use with a teacher or in a class, and has also been used successful around the world as a self-study course. Students who complete this book will be able to play arrangements of songs such as ""I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For"", ""Last Kiss"", ""Crazy"", ""Stand By Me"", ""Viva La Vida"" by Coldplay, ""Wild Thing"", ""Knockin' On Heaven's Door"", ""Brown Eyed Girl"", ""Sweet Child O' Mine"", ""Redemption Songs"" and LOTS MORE. For added help, students can visit NYC Guitar School's youtube channel for video examples of the lessons.

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Dan Emery started NYC Guitar School in one room in Manhattan's Recording and Rehearsal Arts Building, dedicated to uplifting and inspiring people through the medium of guitar. He wrote four drafts of Guitar for Absolute Beginners, and each time more and more of his students were successful. Since then thousands of busy New Yorkers have successfully learned to play guitar in the Guitar for Absolute Beginners program, and NYC Guitar School has grown into four locations (Manhattan, Manhattan East, Brooklyn and Queens) with over one thousand students. Dan has a

teaching degree from Columbia University Teachers College and years of performing experience with The Dan Emery Mystery Band. He lives in a house full of kids, animals and musical instruments and is now learning to play the drums. If you visit New York, please visit the school to say "hi" and share your guitar adventure.

I have tried 5 different times to learn guitar and have given up every time. Both with and without an instructor. I'm about a third of the way through this and I have to say that I think I will actually follow through this time. Very focused, great pacing, no fluff, and I really like the author's encouraging attitude throughout the book. It's also really helpful how he puts things in perspective so, for example, when you're learning D, G, and A7 chords, he shows you how just those 3 chords can be used to play actual songs. Then you add another chord and you can play some more songs. And so on. Seems really obvious, but to a beginner like me it was a big revelation that I had been missing all this time. I wish it came with a CD, but I was able to find audio examples on the website. Great book. Hope this becomes an ongoing series.

First timer trying to self teach. This beginner book was amazing and broken down in the simplest form. Very easy to learn from it. The quality of the book itself was excellent.

If you are an absolute beginner, this is a great book to kick things off. The author has a great attitude about learning guitar, and you learn some fundamental chord transitions that really help you realize that playing guitar is not beyond the realm of possibility. There is also some important advice about rhythm as perhaps more key than perfect fingering to start playing actual songs. Given the price, you'd be crazy not to pick this up, even if you ultimately look elsewhere for your studies.

Pretty good instructions to get started the "right" way. Couple this book with the "NYC guitar school" YouTube videos and it's perfect for introducing you to guitar licks, and strumming and great for teaching you the necessary chords to play thousands of songs. It's also got some entertaining stories to keep you interested in learning the guitar. Totally happy with this purchase.

I always wanted to learn guitar. At 40 I decided to buy a telecaster. Luckily, I came across this book. A lot of beginner's book tell you the chord shapes and strumming patterns but don't actually tell you how to learn play guitar. This book does. By focusing on common chord progressions and the use of a capo you can learn to play hundreds of songs. You won't learn overnight but by practicing the

lessons in the book 30 minutes a day you should grasp the foundations and be on the road to playing a wide range of songs. Keep practicing, be patient.....and Good Luck!

Even if you've never even held a guitar before, this book will get you started. It's clear and concise and as a senior citizen who has never played guitar before, I've now learned a few chords.

After trying about a dozen other self-teaching guitar aids, I decided to try just one more before I gave up on my beautiful classical guitar. This one actually got me and my guitar on the road to a long-lasting relationship! The book addresses you like a beginner but not like an idiot. It's a completely unique approach that allows you to enjoy practicing and learning right from the first page. And as an older student (50+) I found it very easy to follow the logic of the lessons. I only wish I had started with this book when I first bought my guitar.

I paid around \$200 for registration and 1 month or 4 once a week - 40 minute guitar classes.. Yet with this book's first few pages I've learned more than I'll probably learn in 2-3 months of classes at my own pace.. The Price for this book is amazing seeing as all the information is extremely helpful and useful if one takes the time to consistently read through and practice the given exercises such as the chord changes, Helpful tips and advice that a tutor would probably miss out on telling you such as proper fretting, finger placement, which fingers to move in order to make your chords switches effortless with practice as well as lessons in rhythm, songs from artists that use certain chords..etc. I've just begun reading this book again although I purchased it a couple months ago and I regret not getting into the book as soon as I received it.

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