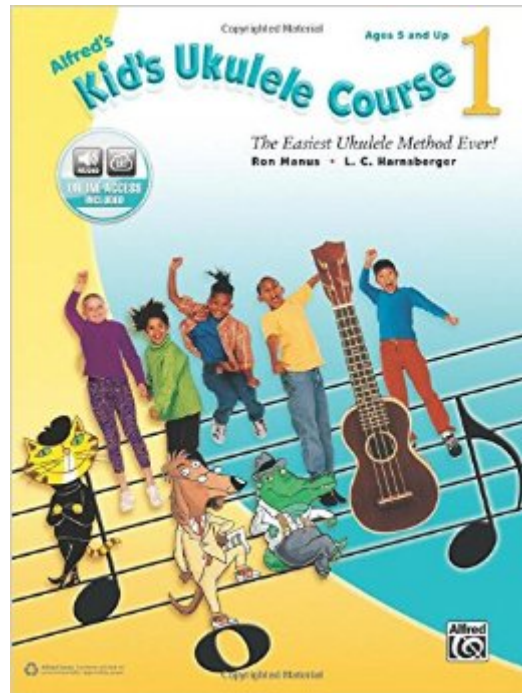


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Alfred's Kid's Ukulele Course 1: The Easiest Ukulele Method Ever!, Book & Online Audio



Synopsis

The easiest ukulele method ever for kids ages 5 and up. This fun method teaches you to play songs on the ukulele right away. The accompanying online audio always lets you hear how the music should sound on any computer or handheld device. Three irresistible ukulele experts guide students along---a clever, classical dog, one cool jazz cat, and a friendly alligator who loves the blues. They draw attention to what's important on each page and make learning music fun! Parents can be effective guides through this course, even if they've never had any musical training. This course is also perfect for the classroom. Songs include "Aloha Oe," "Over the Rainbow," "When the Saints Go Marching In," and more.

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Customer Reviews

First off, the packaging/formating and cartoons will appeal to kids, they are cute. That said, I've seen, and reviewed, other books that were all fun and show, yet poorly thought out when it came to content. This book uses a sound (ha ha) approach. This method takes a 'strum first' approach (as opposed to picking melodies), and because of that the CD is absolutely essential for the child to get the most out of it; the learner becomes an accompanist for the melodic picking on the CD. In the first section 4 chords are introduced, one at a time and reinforced with songs. A little more than halfway through we switch over to melodic picking, one note learned at a time. One thing I like about this section is that it still mixes in strums with the melodies so that we continue to reinforce the chords

with the melodies. I haven't seen much of this in other methods. I've taken one star off because the ukulele on the CD isn't always played perfectly in tune (or perfectly in time), though I doubt that this will bother most students. I have played through a lot of ukulele methods, looking at techniques and ideas for my own students. This method has a lot going for it for young players. M Ryan
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I got this book for me, I am 62 years old and wanted to learn the Ukulele. It covers tuning, strumming, and holding the ukulele, all the basics. One thing I needed was a book to show me the fingering for the chords. This does that well. It was disappointing that it only teaches 4 chords. C, C7, G7 and F. But it does start you into reading music and how to play each note on which string. It has lots of pictures and good graphics to show the method of playing. There are some songs to practice with each lesson. After practicing all the things in this book and mastering it you will be wanting more as this book doesn't take you very far into playing the ukulele.

Amazing easy book. I bought it for my 8 year old. Within a week he played 4 chords. I also like that you can choose to learn with the DVD, CD or only use the book. I took one star off, because some songs could be more modern. Not really a problem, because there are plenty of "cool" songs available at retail, once you can play the chords. Perfect for beginner kids!

I chose this ukulele book to use with my beginning ukulele students -grades 2-4. It is easy to follow and organized well. I like that it begins with an introduction of ukulele chords rather than notes on the ukulele neck. This gets students playing songs quickly which results in a feeling of accomplishment. Chords covered are C, C7, F, G7. The second part of book covers the notes on the fretboard so students also learn to read music notation and play these individual notes. Chord diagrams are noted for each song as well as the musical notation. The book includes a DVD and CD for students to practice with at home. This is a great book for a good price!

I have been teaching guitar lessons for almost 2 years and I highly recommend this book for helping kids learn the basics of guitar. I would say ages 7 to 12 would be good ages for this book. I also paired this book with learning chords and scales and that seemed to work well. You really just have to gauge the child's ability to comprehend and their drive to want to practice. If you're a parent with a child interested in learning guitar, I highly recommend this book. Even if you don't know much about guitar, you'll be able to take your kid through it. It goes at a slow enough pace that the kids can

follow along. And it's detailed enough that a parent with little to no musical background could possibly take the child through it. When you pair the Guitar Course with the Notespeller book, it really adds to helping the kids understand it all. Again, this course really covers the basics well and attempts to engrain it in the student's mind. This review was written by CJ, the husband. I rank each product with a 1-5 star rating, below you will find what I personally feel each star represents when I am reviewing a product. 1 star = I hate the product - would return if I could, throw it away 2 star = I don't like the product - will never purchase again, but will use until I get something different 3 star = It's okay - I'm indifferent about it 4 star = I like the product - recommend it 5 star = I LOVE the product - strongly recommend this product and this product alone (would purchase again if need be) Thank you for taking the time to read my review. If you found it helpful, please let me know by selecting "yes" below. Thank you!

I recommend this to anyone picking up a ukulele for the first time. It's easy to understand and starts the player on both chords and finger-picking. Gave me a good solid star with lots of fun practice songs. Helped build my confidence so that I jumped right on to adult beginner books and playing from beginner collections.

As a beginner ukulele player (not a child), I found this book extremely helpful in learning chords, and the various notes on each string. The book, used in conjunction with the provided DVD/CD, was perfect to get through the basics. A lot of the other "beginner" books go too fast for the musically challenged. And, they tend to concentrate on chords only to get you started--which is fine, but to really learn the ukulele, you need the string notes, and into scales fairly soon. If you're happy just strumming chords, fine. But, this book is a great primer for both chords and melody. I know it's a kid's book! However, I found it very useful for non-musical adults.

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