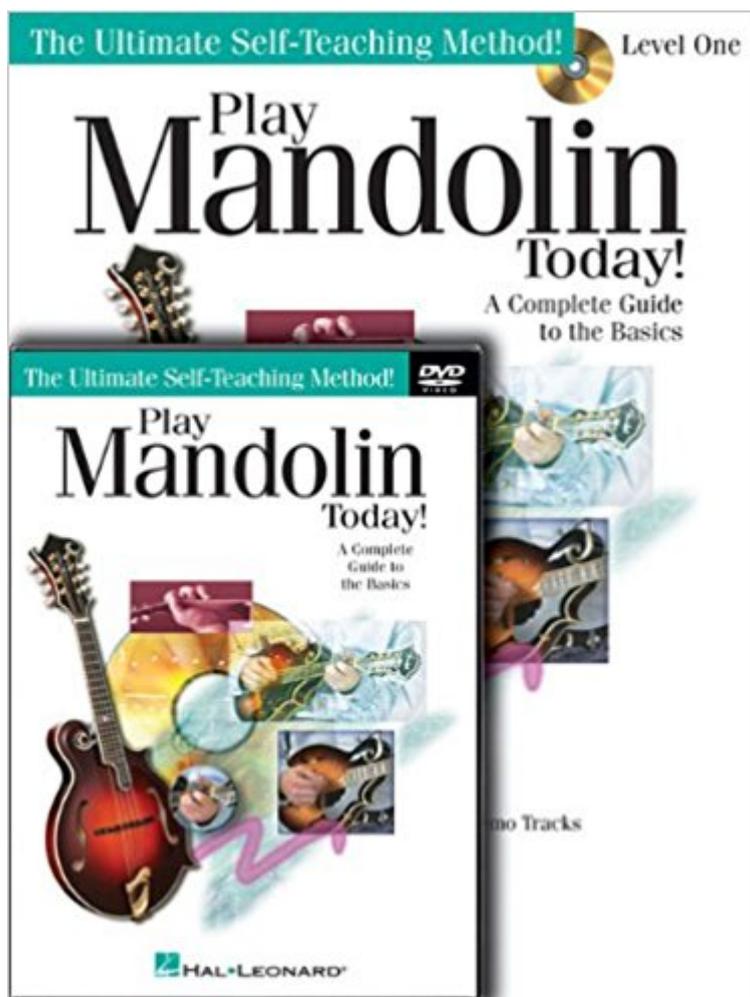


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# Play Mandolin Today! Beginner's Pack: Level 1 Book/CD/DVD Pack (Ultimate Self-Teaching Method!)



## Synopsis

(Play Today Instructional Series). Learn at your own pace and open the door to the world of mandolin music with this beginner's book/CD/DVD instruction pack! Play Today! is the ULTIMATE self-teaching method, designed to offer quality instruction and terrific songs. All you have to do is follow along with the tips, lessons and music provided as you listen to the CD or watch the DVD. The CD includes 84 professional quality full-demo tracks. The DVD features on-screen mandolin tablature so you can play all the music examples. This complete guide to the basics covers: songs, chords and melodies \* alternate picking and strumming \* playing tips and techniques, all in standard notation and tablature.

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## Customer Reviews

My wife and I decided to learn to play the mandolin over the holidays and I do not have a music background so I had to start from scratch. I bought several DVD's and books but only this one, Greg Horne's, and Mike Marshall's actually starts out at a slow beginners level. It starts with learning to play each string and read the notes, going into the sharps and flats, and then moving into chords. The instructor on the video is great and I wish he lived in my city so I could take lessons from him. Absolutely wonderful for getting up to speed. Now I'm going to have to move to Mike Marshall's to get the strumming technique down.

About 80% of the material in the book and on the DVD is simply about reading music and finding the notes on the instrument, string by string. Almost no instruction on basic mandolin picking technique. It may be a fine starting point for someone who has never held a musical instrument before in their life, but if you are crossing over from another string instrument this product will have very little to offer you.

I enjoy this self teach method. if you already know how to read sheet music it's a little too basic. Does not contain as many chords as I would like but its a good start for the basic beginner. The DVD is presented well but skips alot of the songs and focuses mostly on skill set, but the CD makes up for this in every way for play along.

This instruction package is easy to follow and represents a good value for those of us learning on our own.

Very easy to follow. I love that I have three options for learning - watch the DVD, listen to the CD, or just use the book. I rotate between the three, and it's amazing how quickly I'm learning to play mandolin!

I have no other full course to compare to, but this course is working. I had started some free online lessons that started by teaching learning chords rather than individual notes. It also didn't start with teaching to read music. But this one starts with learning to read music. Both methods have their pros, I suppose. Learning chords has you playing (or attempting to play) interesting music sooner but reading music has to come sometime, right?

I found this video to be very simple and interesting. I would recommend this to anyone wanting to learn to play the mandolin.

This DVD and book are pretty good. However, if you do not sight read music already, this will take a little work. Right from the beginning , it is all playing individual notes, which is explained very well, however, the book that you use to follow along is all regular sheet music style. If you cannot already read music this may slow you down, like it did for me. I took a pencil and wrote the letter above each note in the book so that I could follow along. Once I did that, it went very fast. This is a good way to learn to read music. However, I wish I had know that before I bought it. Most of the Guitar

books/videos I have used are not in this format. But, again, I think this will be a good tool to help learn to read music and the teacher on the video does a good job.

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