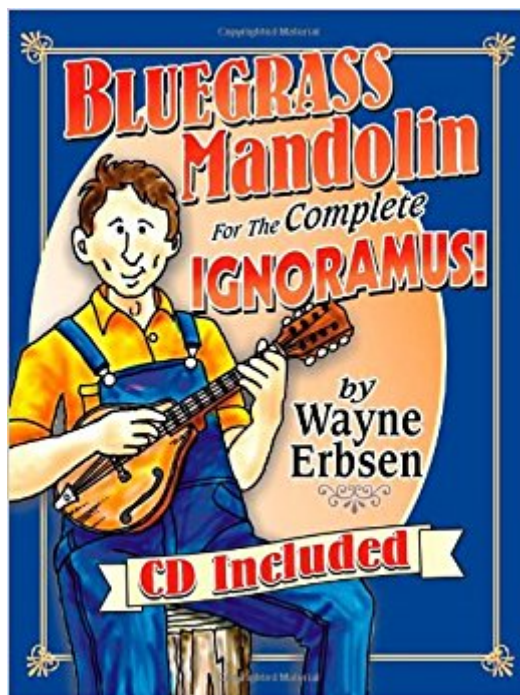


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# Bluegrass Mandolin For The Complete Ignoramus! (Book & CD Set)



## Synopsis

Wayne's friendly and FUN approach to learning to play has taught tens of thousands of total beginners to play bluegrass music. Join the club! In this, his 26th book, Wayne cuts through the clutter and confusion of learning to play with his SIMPLE approach to playing the melody. He then leads the beginner down the path of being able to IMPROVISE on the melody by adding several simple rhythms. With Wayne's help, you'll soon be jamming up a storm. Guaranteed. This book is guaranteed to help you learn to play bluegrass mandolin. (How many books come with a personal guarantee by the author?) You WILL learn to play and improvise on: Amazing Grace, Angel Band, Banks of the Ohio, Bury Me Beneath the Willow, Cripple Creek, Cryin' Holy Unto the Lord, Dig a Hole in the Meadow, Don't This Road Look Rough and Rocky?, Down the Road, East Virginia, Handsome Molly, In the Pines, I've Been All Around This World, I've Just Seen the Rock of Ages, John Hardy, Keep on the Sunny Side of Life, Knoxville Girl, Little Maggie, Midnight on the Stormy Deep, My Home's Across the Blue Ridge Mountains, Nine Pound Hammer, Paul and Silas, Shady Grove, Soldier's Joy, Roll in My Sweet Baby's Arms, Wildwood Flower, Will the Circle Be Unbroken? You Will Also Learn... How to Tune, How to Hold the Mandolin, The Best Way to Hold the Pick, How to Read Tablature, Harmony Chord Positions, Simple Rhythm Chord Positions, How to Play Harmony, Playing in the Dreaded Key of F, How to Jam, Playing Different Rhythms, How to Play Simply but RIGHT! Included Vintage Photos and lots of Friendly Advice.

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You re right there! Terrific stuff. - Ron Bacon If you've never picked up a mandolin before, this book will give you all the instruction you need to go from 'complete ignoramus' to 'not too shabby'. - Marie Gantz, recent ignoramus An excellent book for the beginning mandolin player. Wayne's approach is fun and it works! Highly recommended. - John Miller --recent personal testimonies

Wayne Erbsen first started playing the mandolin in 1963 when he bought one in Mexico City for a few pesos. Since then, he has won scores of blue ribbons at fiddlers conventions in North Carolina and Virginia and along the way, has written twenty-six instruction and song books, and recorded eighteen solo CDs. He is most proud of the fact that he has literally taught tens of thousands of beginners to play mandolin, fiddle, banjo and guitar through his books as well as teaching at his Log Cabin Music Center. He lives, plays, and works in Asheville, North Carolina.

This is an excellent book for the beginner but only may be only fun reading for those who know a little music. I bought this book because I read a review saying the book had something for every level of player; I should have stuck to the representation made by the title. If you already play any other instrument or think you could pick out a song by ear, this book may not be of help to you. It is truly for the beginner. Just like the title says! The book does a great job of starting with the basics and bringing the novice along adding in more complex licks and concepts. This book does not use conventional tablature but uses a modified tab I'd never seen before. Instead of tablature showing where to fret the string, it gives the letter name of the notes on a fingerboard board diagram. You'll learn the names of the notes, but it slows down the overall learning process. In addition to a number of single-note songs to learn on, the book has some cool old-time pictures and some great narrative. The author clearly knows his stuff. It may be worth the purchase price just to sit and read.

I've been playing for a couple of years but this book really simplified the process for learning a new song. I downloaded the songs and play along. The licks (cold, cool and hot!) make it easy to start improvising on tunes, just a tiny little bit at first, and then more. Anybody can learn a lot from this book if you're in your early years of learning mandolin. And the background on the songs is interesting too. Susan

Truly for the beginner, it is an interesting approach to learning basic mandolin playing. The comments I've read complaining about the author's tablature fail to realize the purpose, which Mr.

Erbsen states is to help learn the names of the notes you are playing and becoming a better musician. The only gripe I have is the description of tuning the mandolin to a guitar is just wrong. If you follow the instructions on page 9, the D string will have a higher pitch than the A string, and all strings will be tuned in the same octave.

What I really like about this book, is that it starts out by teaching you to play actual notes instead of chords, so that if you can read music, you can start playing right away. I learned one song right away, and am looking forward to progressing through the book. Incidentally, the bluegrass banjo book with a similar title by the same author is fantastic as well, which led to to try his mandolin book.

Love the way Erbsen gets you up and running right away. I'm also learning to read music using a traditional approach.

I bought a few mandolin books, and this is the BEST. It reads like someone is talking to you, great illustration. I play guitar, so I thought "How hard can it be?" But, with the other book, I was lost pretty quick. This book had me playing a scale in minutes. AND enjoying it! The CD is helpful and now I know I'm on my way to years of fun. This book is awesome! Wayne really can teach anyone to play. You won't regret this one. Thanks Wayne!

This is a great book for beginners! Thought the DVD was going to be a video but it was just audio clips. The lessons in the book makes up for it.

I have struggled with learning to play the mandolin for a year. I used internet videos and online subscriptions without much luck. This book has been excellent. In only two short weeks, I have learned five songs and developed a better understanding of scales and notes. Very easy book to follow. The cd with the songs makes it even easier. Will be getting the guitar book as well. Highly recommend this book!!!!

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