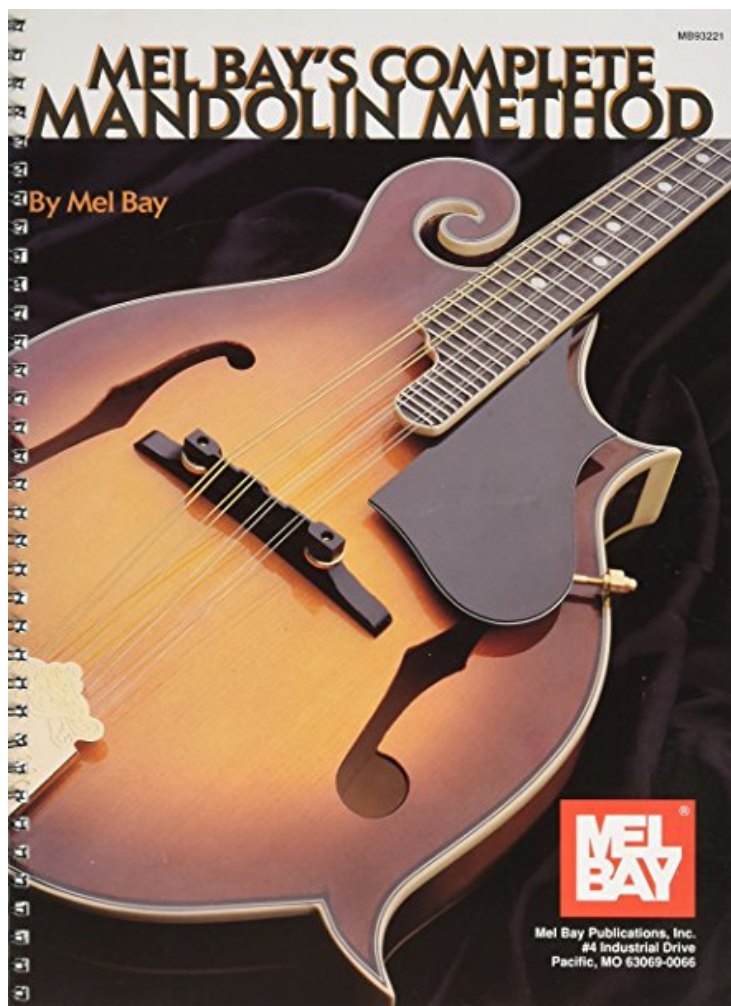


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Mel Bay 93221 Complete Mandolin Method Book



Customer Reviews

Excellent book for anyone wishing to get started in Mandolin playing. It doesn't assume any musical experience from the reader. Anyone sticking with this book for a year will have a solid foundation for playing Mandolin. It starts with the fundamentals, holding the instrument, pick and hand positions, basic music reading and sound production. Each lesson builds on the previous ones and incrementally builds a well rounded player, well able to go on to learning more advanced classical, jazz, folk, bluegrass, etc. skills. The spiral bound book is high quality paper and lays flat on the music stand.

Ordered this for my daughter. I figured she was a beginner, but because she already plays the piano and violin well we wasted our money on this book. She already knew everything in this. So although this book was useless for her, for someone who knows nothing about music or the mandolin it would be great.

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