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# FastTrack Harmonica Method - Book 1: For Diatonic Harmonica (Fast Track (Hal Leonard Book & Online Audio))



## Synopsis

(Fast Track Music Instruction). Stop annoying your friends and really learn to play the darn thing! This book teaches you all you need to know to pucker up and play your harp correctly. Includes information on: music notation; chords and single notes; riffs, licks and scales; syncopation; rock and blues styles; and so much more! The accompanying online audio includes over 70 songs and examples, so you can play along with a band.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great way to start learning the harmonica. You'll need a Diatonic in the key of C, such as a Lee Oskar. (Don't buy a book with an included harmonica; those harmonicas are usually crap. A good one is only about \$20.) The book teaches notes, harmonica tabulature, reading music, some bends and chording and has a decent selection of tunes you'll recognize. It includes a CD which is very useful for hearing what the harp SHOULD sound like as well as music to practice to. My only gripe is that I already know how to read music and find the inclusion of tabs all the way through a bit intrusive. But it made learning the harmonica faster and easier than I expected.

Takes beginner through steps that are clear and meaningful in progressing as a harp player. This is a technical approach that would make good counterpoint to the freestyle approach of John Poppa available on YouTube.com

Best by far out of about dozen I have tried here. All you need to start. So, it has the narrative, and it has the usual blow/draw start, but then it also has the explanation how to read notes, and the sound files. All side by side. Say, some other books have just draw/blow and hole numbers, and you do not have a clue about the length of blow/draw unless you know the song, right? Sometimes, you remember those popular songs by words, but humming will do here to lead you. Here you have you schematic of blow/draw right below the notes, plus you have a sound file which plays along. So, you can accompany the sound file. And I have to say that, despite providing all this extra information, this kindle book still has as many samples of various songs as any other of beginner books, two dozen or so, did not count. T

To avoid having my grandkids just blow into their harmonica's, I knew I had to purchase a training tool. Since they can play the piano, they knew fundamentals of music but nothing about the harmonica. I'm pleased with this music book. It has a sturdy cover and the pages are sturdy so can take abuse from usage. So far this book is doing what it's supposed to do. My grandkids are working thru it and actually playing some real songs.

Excellent layout for beginners. Easy to follow with photos, diagrams, descriptions & formal music theory & notation- good for my students' learning & retention. Easy transition to Book 2: similar look & feel.

It is a fast track to playing as suggested by the title and very helpful. When I first began using the manual, I appreciated being able to hear what a tune should sound like when played correctly, but I soon found that I did not like switching back and forth from book to CD, because the only CD player I have is on my PC and I do not like to spend extensive time on it apart from writing. All in all, I will chose not to buy anymore of the book/CD combo instruction books in the future, Of course, the CD could be offered as a stand alone value-added product and the price of the manual lowered to reflect the change. I suspect this combo type product will fade away soon anyway as disc drives become more and more obsolete. R.R. Harris, author of Double Take, An Island Travel Mystery of Lively Romance and Deadly Betrayal, available on .

Great product. It looks great and is of good quality. It also shipped quickly and I received it in 2 days. I'm completely happy with this products. I would buy from this seller again.

A valuable companion for harp beginners, it offers many easy examples and you can immediately start playing! It also includes the audio which is awesome.

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