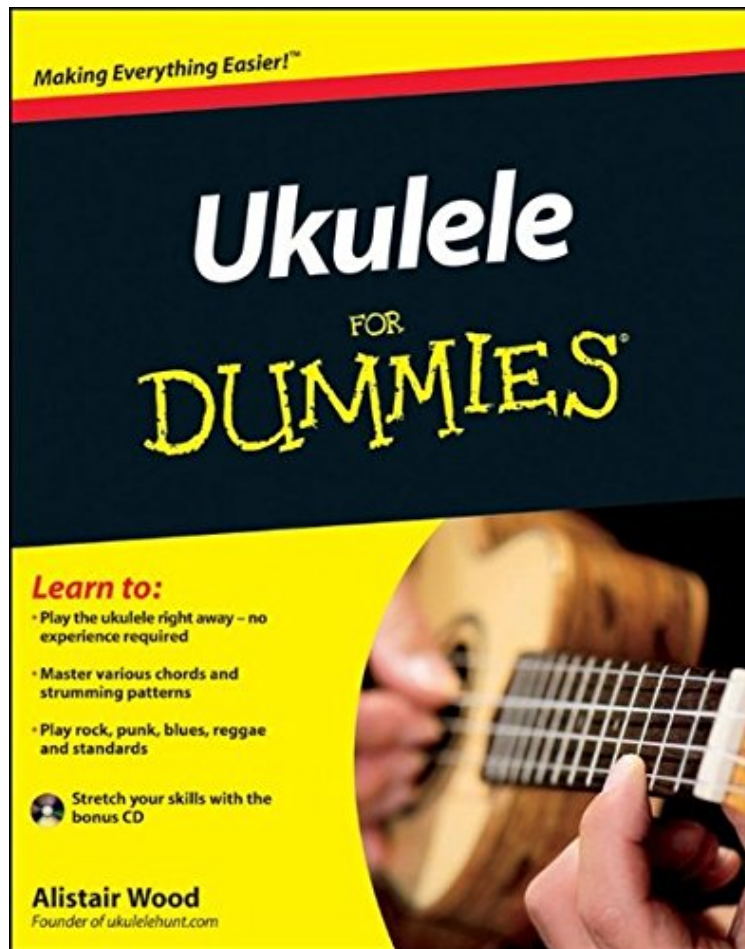



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review helpful. Nicely organized and arranged for ease of use By Brian K. Miller I almost never buy "...for Dummies" or "Idiot's Guide to..." books. Not that I have anything against them. They are generally well-written, well-organized books that are perfect for someone seeking a simple, straight-forward introduction to a new topic. The problem is, because they are inevitably over-simplified I either get bored with them quickly or find them frustratingly short of key details. Fortunately, Ukulele For Dummies is a rare exception to the rule. Granted, this is far short of a master's degree in fine arts, nonetheless for the player seeking to buy their first ukulele or for someone who picked one up because the local music store was having a sale on old stock this book contains absolutely everything a person needs to know to get started. It is divided into seven sections (including the appendices) and ranges from how to choose a new ukulele, to tuning, to playing basic chords, to a small selection of strumming and fingerpicking techniques, and it even covers several of the key personalities in the transformation of the ukulele from an odd little chordophone played by Hawaiians into a modern instrument suitable for orchestras and contemporary pop music. There is a woefully brief introduction to music theory, but the vast majority of people picking up a ukulele for the first are either accomplished musicians looking for a fun instrument or newcomers more interested in playing a few songs than understanding how those songs are created. Ukulele For Dummies and Alfred's Basic Ukulele Method are hands down the two best introductory books I have found for this delightful and whimsical little instrument.

Learn everything ukulele from chord progressions to playing pop, folk, and holiday favorites and, yes, even Hawaiian music! The ukulele is hot. The season one finale of Glee featured a ukulele. The recent hit song "Hey Soul Sister" by Train includes the dulcet tones of a uke. Not to mention the runaway success of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. For anyone wishing to master this fun, surprisingly versatile instrument, Ukulele For Dummies covers all the basics from chords and strumming patterns to guidance on finger-picking. The print version of the book includes a CD with audio tracks of the entire musical notation in the book creating a total musical instruction package Offers instruction in a variety of styles including pop, folk, holiday favorites, and Hawaiian music Features a buying guide for the novice with tips on purchasing a ukulele plus other necessary accessories With its simple and clear instruction, and inspiration on every page, Ukulele For Dummies will have fans and first-time musicians making beautiful music as they tiptoe through the tulips in no time. Note: CD files are available to download after purchasing the e-Book version

packed with tips, technical advice, easy-to-follow illustrations and rhythms The Sun From the Back Cover From simple chord progressions to rock solos your ultimate guide to becoming a ukulele hero! If you're among the tens of thousands of people who have fallen victim to the ukulele fever epidemic that's sweeping the globe, this book is the cure. Clinically tested and expert-approved, Ukulele For Dummies is the quick, painless way to satisfy your insatiable desire to play the ukulele. Get to know your uke get the lowdown on everything you need to know about buying, stringing, tuning and maintaining your ukulele Start playing take advantage of clear, step-by-step instructions on holding, strumming and picking basics, illustrated with detailed photos Build your skills chord charts, strumming patterns and tons of instructions make it easier than ever to learn basic and advanced techniques for playing backup rhythms, solo melodies, improvisational riffs and chord/melody combinations like a pro Aloha mahn special chapters cover how to play reggae and 'Jawaiian', as well as rock and punk, blues, Hawaiian, classical and other popular musical styles Listen and learn hone your uke-playing skills with the help of audio tracks of the examples found in the book Open the book and find: A complete buying guide for the novice How to string, tune and repair your uke Chord charts and strumming patterns Crystal-clear photo illustrations Step-by-step instructions Basic and advanced playing techniques How to play in a multitude of popular styles Audio tracks of examples from the book Audio CD includes The musical examples from the book so you can play along Exercises to help you build your skills Learn to: Play the ukulele right away no experience required Master various chords and strumming patterns Play rock, punk, blues, reggae and standards Stretch your skills with the bonus CD About the Author Alistair Wood is a ukulele player, transcriber, arranger and the owner of ukulelehunt.com, one of the most popular ukulele sites on the Internet.