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# Alfred's Teach Yourself To Play Electronic Keyboard: Everything You Need To Know To Start Playing Now! (Teach Yourself Series)



## Synopsis

Learn to play the electronic keyboard and open up a brand new world of musical knowledge with this exciting method from Alfred. Beginners of all ages can start their journey to a lifetime of musical enjoyment. Beginning with the fundamentals, you will learn about MIDI, position at the keyboard, preparing your instrument for use, and proper hand position. You will then move right along to learning about the different keys on the keyboard and basics of standard musical notation. You will immediately dive into playing notes and transforming them into well-known songs, all while continuing to increase your ever-growing knowledge of reading and understanding standard musical notation and keyboard functions. Throughout the book, you will be introduced to a variety of styles, including pop, rock, country, blues, classics, folk favorites, hymns, spirituals and ragtime and upon completion you will know how to use chord symbols to play from pop sheet music, fake books and lead sheets. This book is for keyboards with automatic rhythms and "single-finger" chords. The book features the following helpful resources for reference during and after your lessons: \* Explanation of the Circle of 5ths\* Improvising techniques\* Exciting arrangements of "The Entertainer", "Amazing Grace", and many more. Be your own teacher, and let Alfred be your resource every step of the way.

## Book Information

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When I looked in this book with it's preview of contents I thought it would be a great choice instead

of a piano book. This book doesn't go far enough explaining the left hand and how to use both hands at once. It's a little confusing. I will use the book for playing the songs in it. I suggest John Thompson's courses. It's what I learned from from fifty years ago. Don't waste your money on this one.

If you have learned or studied some music theory then this book is OK. If you haven't you might get lost in the theory as the book "presumes" that you know some theory. The lesson plans are good and I believe that by the time you get all the way through the book you would know how to play keyboard. I am taking lessons from a piano teacher as well as using this book, and I have some music theory training. If theory is completely new to you then I would suggest a keyboard book in the "For Dummies" line; or find someone who can explain basic theory to you. It does help to have some theory knowledge as it helps with rhythm & tempo in your playing.

As an adult learner who's trying to teach myself on a Casio keyboard, this book is wonderfully helpful. It's only been a couple of weeks practicing & already I'm "reading" music & can plink away with contemporary tunes. The lessons progress at a good pace, everything's well-defined, I think Morton Manus wrote a fantastic tool for the newbie like myself. Glad I purchased this & highly recommend it!

Excellent Book for Beginners! It's like having a teacher right there beside me. I have never played a keyboard before, and this book is helping me learn to play the songs in such a way that is not overwhelming or frustrating. It teaches you one step at a time and makes it easy to understand.

As a new owner of an electronic keyboard who has been away from playing any instrument for decades (I had about eight years of piano instruction as a child and teenager), I spent some time looking for an instructional book that would teach me to play using the capabilities of the keyboard. Most of the samples I looked at were really just warmed-over piano instructional books, with a token nod to electronic keyboards. This book, on the other hand, fully explores the capabilities of the keyboard as an aid to teaching, and the lessons are presented in a logical progression. Music theory is introduced at appropriate times to aid the learning process, instead of being presented as a separate, dry subject. I'm halfway through the book and I'm very happy with my musical progress so far. I really recommend this book for the beginner who wants a gentle and fun introduction to their keyboard.

THIS BOOK IS EXACTLY AS DESCRIBED BY THE AUTHOR AND I LOVE IT!!! VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND AND I'M ENJOYING THE ELECTRONIC KEYBOARD SO MUCH. FINALLY WE HAVE A BOOK THAT REALLY TEACHES THE KEYS AND THE KEYSIES HELPED GREATLY WITH IDENTIFICATION. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK.

Takes programmed steps to digest content, but those really interested in getting the best out of this manual by reading and following the instructions will benefit in the long run. Some details may not apply to your instrument.

Our 14 year old daughter received a digital keyboard for Christmas. This was one of 5 books we purchased to go with it. She absolutely loves it. Easy step by step instructions. She has been a part of Concert Choir for years so she is very comfortable reading music. But has never played piano before. Within a few days she was putting on mini "concerts" for us. Great book. A must for anyone wanting to learn to play.

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