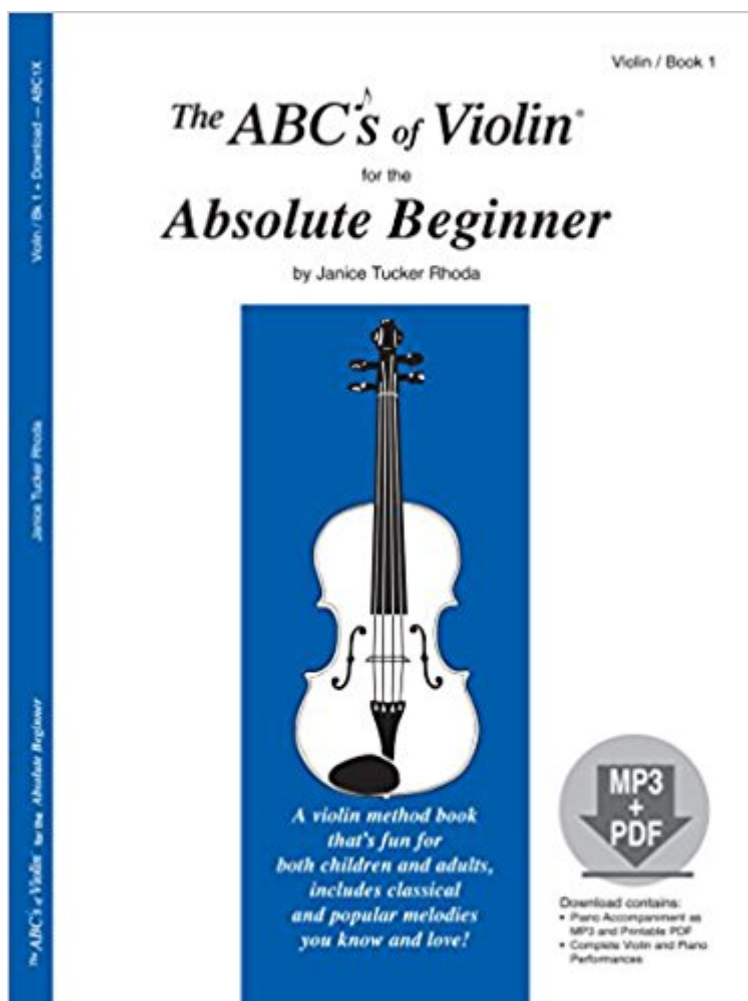


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# The ABCs Of Violin For The Absolute Beginner, Book 1 (Book & MP3/PDF)



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Janice Tucker Rhoda's phenomenally successful series, The ABCs of Violin, owes much of its success to the wonderful original material and to the sensitive arrangements of classical, folk, fiddle and other popular melodies. This best selling instruction book is the perfect start for a beginner of any age on the Violin. The many melodies plus short warm-up exercises and study pieces advance students technically in an easy and enjoyable way. Simple duets, scales, a note-reading worksheet, a glossary of music terms and symbols and practice chart are also included along with many graphs to show left-hand finger placement. \*After purchasing the ABCs of Violin for the Absolute Beginner, Book 1, you will be able to download MP3s of the performances and a PDF file of the piano accompaniments. The "Download Code" with complete directions is on the inside flap of the front cover. Simply enter the code at [carlfischer.com](http://carlfischer.com). \*Download all 68 performance tracks. 34 tracks of Violin solos with Piano accompaniments, and 34 tracks of Piano accompaniments by themselves. \*Performances by violinist Emil Altschuler and pianist Artem Belogurov. Mr. Altschuler is a protégé of Erick Friedman and Dorothy DeLay. He plays the ABCs of Violin Book 1 MP3s with passion, sensitivity and elegance. Mr. Belogurov is known for his verve, wit, and delicatessen. COMPANION DVDs & BOOKS: \*ABCs of Violin for the Absolute Beginner DVD reviews posture, reading music, bow technique, rosinning the bow, pizzicato (plucking the strings), tuning, counting and the metronome. \*ABCs of Violin for the Intermediate Player DVD - contains all pieces in ABCs of Violin Books 1 and 2. \*Complete Technique for Violin, Book 1 - contains studies and exercises for the advanced beginner to upper level student. \*ABCs of Duets for Violin - book contains duets in first and third positions. \*ABCs of String Orchestra - Violin parts I and II for additional reinforcement.

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Extremely clear and beautifully organized, The ABCs of Violin are a truly valuable resource for every teacher of students in the early stages of exploring the instrument. They are immensely helpful not only in laying the essential groundwork, but also in making the process enjoyable. --Dorothy DeLay, Violin Pedagogue, Juilliard School

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This is a great book for an ultimate beginner, like me. I had music class all the way back in middle school and since then I completely forgot how to read sheet music. This book really went over that before learning anything else, which was great. Also, my book came with a hand written note explaining their gratitude for my purchase, and scattered in the book are little hand written tid bits. I love that it seems like a book someone took time with, and really wanted the buyer to enjoy LEARNING violin. Love love love it.

I'm in the London Philharmonic and this book saved my career. I couldn't have done it without you, Janice Rhoda! :D

I love the way the lessons are graded. It's really for the absolute beginner! When following through the lessons and exercises and practicing them daily, you can find yourself playing the violin in matter of days. From being a total dummy in violin, now I can play tunes even without a practical tutor (of course with a little help from Youtube videos). Thanks to the "ABCs of Violin".

Nice to have as a beginner. Thank you!

First of all, I would have been a little lost had I purchased only this book without the ABCs of Violin for Absolute Beginner DVD - which is not long, but was essential for someone like me who had never held a violin before. I could not have done it without the DVD. Once I had watched the DVD a few times, I was able to progress right into the book and have found it very self-explanatory since. I am enjoying the music selections, and the exercises are helpful. The CD included in the book has tracks with violin that you can play along with or just piano accompaniment that you can practice with. The end of the book also has violin duets that you can play with someone else (two violins together). I purchased this book with the Complete Idiot's Guide to Playing the Fiddle and found that together they fill in more gaps for me than one or the other would have alone. (For example, the Complete Idiot's Guide goes into the history of the instrument, how to care for the violin, etc., much more than the ABCs book, which is more like a traditional lesson book.)

Well, perhaps easy is an overstatement, but if you stick to the routines and practise, progress is quick. I bought this as an absolute beginner after trying one or two other books and this is head and shoulders above the rest. A nice selection of exercises and tunes makes this very useful for children and adults alike. The accompanying CD is OK, but that in itself cost this book a star. Anyone who has learned the guitar from the RGT books or similar, is used to practise speed and playing speed but there is only one version here. Also, not all the exercises are on the CD which, bearing in mind some might be 30 seconds or less, is a wasteful omission as there's plenty of room on the disc. Nevertheless, it's a good book for the beginner; I also bought Mel Bay EZ Play Cajun which is a nice compliment to this book. Beware tho, the CD that comes with it is poor and I have flagged that up to Mel Bay publishing.

This book is definitely not for absolute beginners. I cannot read notes, so it is too advance for me. I kept the book that I may be able to use one day.

Ok, I am only on lesson 4. But I know the names of the strings and how to pluck them! I know what the notes look like on the lines. I can follow the beats and read when the bow goes up and when it goes down. I run around the house with my violin between my shoulder and chin so I will get used to holding it with no hands. (That's hard. It hurts too if you don't use the shoulder holder thingy.) Basically, I'm stoked! If you want to learn bad enough, you will. So far this book for me is a winner and I am proud of myself. Thank you Janice Tucker Rhoda.

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