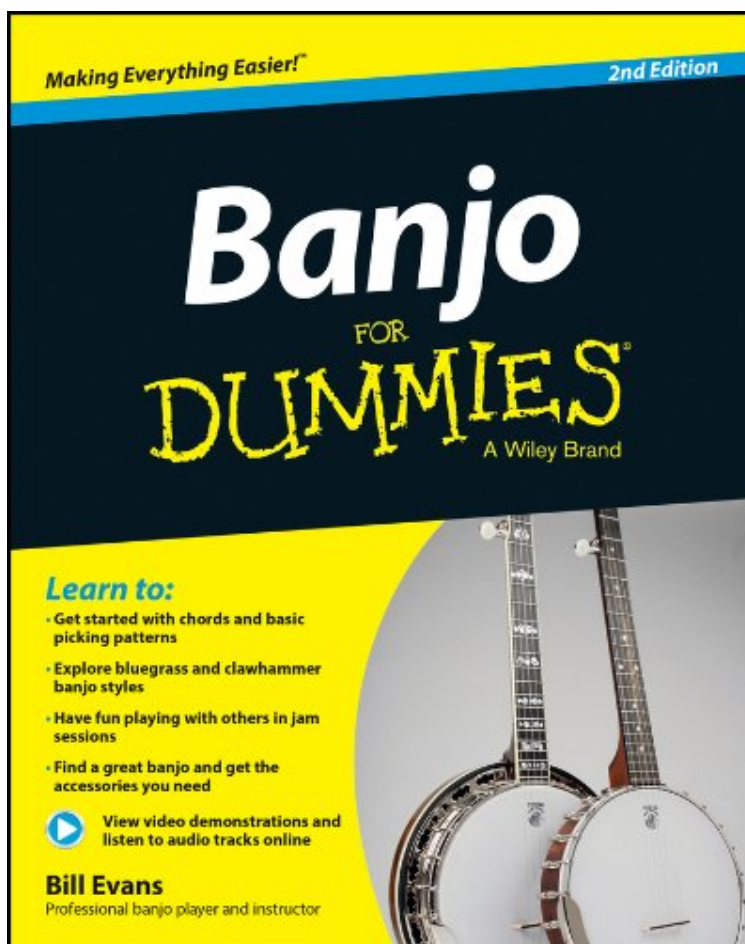


## Banjo For Dummies: Book + Online Video and Audio Instruction

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27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Great book - but one caveatBy Mike HThis book is very clear in its presentation of the many steps involved in learning the 5-string banjo. It leads you through with great attention to detail and a lot of humor. I received my new banjo recently (also through ) and am hard at work learning the basics. It's fun to peek ahead at what's coming next--at the same time, it's sobering to realize how much there is to learn before I'll sound like a real bluegrass banjo player (if ever!). There is one problem with the electronic version of this book, namely, that the tablature listings of the various banjo "rolls" and songs are really too small to read conveniently. I have used a magnifying glass to puzzle them out on my Kindle, but that's an inconvenience, to say the least. It doesn't help to increase the size of the text because the tablature is a diagram separate from the text and remains the same size no matter what the text size is. I have encountered a similar problem previously with charts and tables in the electronic versions of various technical books. So I don't blame this annoyance on the Banjo for Dummies book but rather on 's

electronic publishing format. I am planning to buy a paper version of the book and would recommend a paper copy instead of the electronic copy for other potential buyers. The on-line video assistance is another feature of this book that makes it stand out. It's almost like having a private teacher. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good for beginners By woodchuck Purchased to accompany the gift of a banjo. The recipient has been playing now for several weeks and found this book very helpful. It's descriptive enough to get a good start, but anyone who wants to play well will have to supplement with youtube, lessons, etc. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pickin' and a Grinnin' By Gov Contractor This is a written digital book if that makes sense. A lot of the book has links you can go to during the lessons, but my firewall at work blocks a lot of sites so the book is a great stand alone as well. I hope my co-workers like the banjo!

Play your way to banjo-playing expertise Traditionally associated with country, folk, and bluegrass music, the banjo is accessible to anyone with the patience and willpower to learn it. This second edition of *Banjo For Dummies* does the rest of the work for you with updated practice lessons, teaching techniques, and step-by-step examples. With this guide, you will learn tips and techniques for selecting the right instruments and accessories, how to develop correct hand position and posture, and how to tune, care for, and make simple repairs to the instrument. An updated multimedia component features companion audio tracks and complementary video lessons that cement the concepts readers gain during their reading. Written by Bill Evans, an accomplished five-string banjo player, teacher, writer, and historian Includes access to "how-to" videos on Dummies.com Ideal for anyone who wants to learn to play this classic instrument For musicians hoping to lend their art an edge or interested learners looking to pick up a unique skill, *Banjo For Dummies* is a must-have, straightforward guide to success.

From the Back Cover Get started with chords and basic picking patterns Explore bluegrass and clawhammer banjo styles Have fun playing with others in jam sessions Find a great banjo and get the accessories you need Your hands-on guide to playing the five-string banjo From the concert arena to a backyard jam session, the five-string banjo is heard everywhere these days. Whether you're a brand new picker or an experienced player looking for new ideas and styles, *Banjo For Dummies* is your road map to the most popular banjo styles played today. From the very basics to the most advanced playing techniques, you'll find everything you need right here, with audio tracks and video clips available online to help you every step of the way. Take your first banjo steps — choose a banjo that's right for you, get in tune, and get comfortable with good playing techniques right from the start Get your strings in order — practice fretting chords, read tablature, and use basic picking patterns to play your first songs Dig deeper — play clawhammer and bluegrass song favorites using advanced right- and left-hand techniques, and get acquainted with both minstrel and classic banjo styles Network into banjo culture — unlock the secrets of playing with other musicians, find a great teacher, and get the lowdown on attending camps and festivals Gear up — from cases and strings to capos, tuners, and metronomes, discover how to use the accessories that can make you a better banjo player Open the book and find: A complete banjo buyer's guide Advice for tuning your banjo Basic music theory and how to read banjo tablature Essentials of clawhammer, bluegrass, and historical styles How to enhance your playing with advanced techniques Bluegrass picking techniques How to change strings and choose accessories More than 150 audio and video examples About the Author Bill Evans is an internationally celebrated five-string banjo player, teacher, historian, and recording artist, who has helped thousands of banjo players from all over the world in a professional career that spans over 35 years. He has produced numerous instructional DVDs and hosted hundreds of instructional workshops. Bill has performed on stages throughout North America, Europe, and Japan, and his CDs have topped both folk and bluegrass charts.