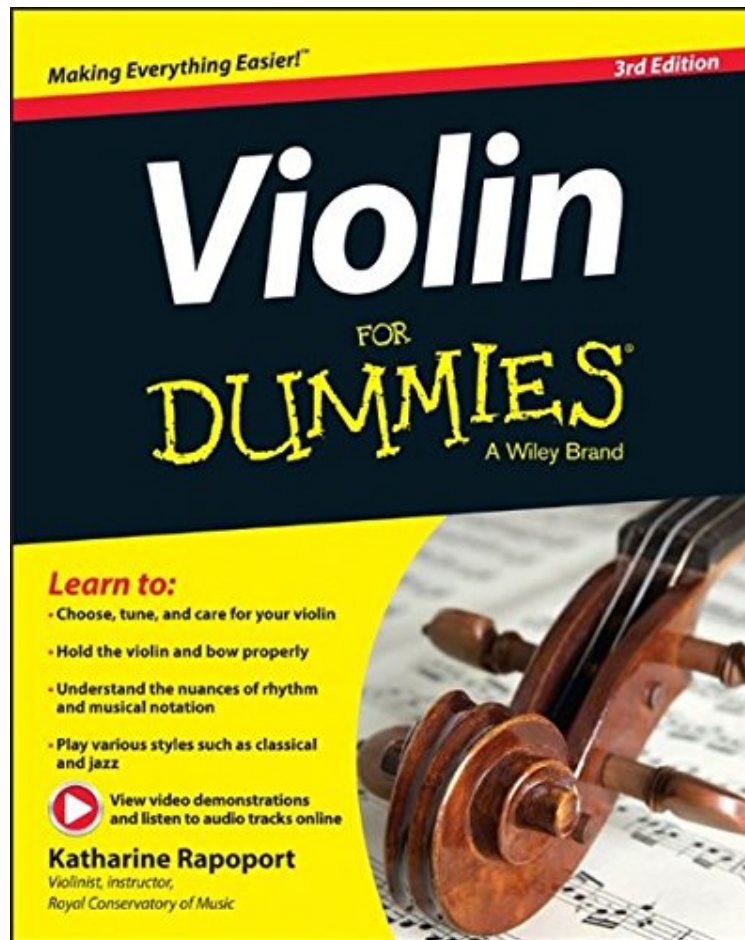


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47 of 48 people found the following review helpful. Sometimes Books are the BestBy McBeanAs a beginner, I've been trying to find just the right tool to teach me the violin, short of actually hiring a teacher.I've used "Dummies" books for years, going back to the olden days when I got a copy of "The Internet for Dummies." Later I learned how to use Adobe Illustrator from a "Dummies" book and was able to complete a huge marketing project because of it.I subscribe to an online violin tutor program but find that I'm constantly stopping and starting the videos. Plus, it's difficult to go back to and find lessons that answer simple questionsThat's why this "Dummies" book is so helpful. Everything is laid out chapter by chapter. Some can be skipped, depending on one's knowledge of music. For example, I play the guitar and clarinet, so basic information about music, notes and tempo aren't needed. But, I know absolutely nothing about the violin so I need to learn every part of it, how to hold it, how to use the bow, and on and on. Also, clearly technical

information is labeled so, if you're not a nerd, you can skip it. The good thing about a book is that you can mark important sections with sticky notes or simply use the table of contents or index. I go back and forth between the pages often, particularly to check diagrams. I've never been able to do that well with electronic means, either websites or an e-book reader. There's also an excellent online site that correlates with the lessons and tunes. It's well organized and complements both the listening and playing experiences. Once opened to a page, the binding allows the book to remain open. I don't need to put weights on each side. It stays open, which is exactly what you need while studying a page with your arms full of a violin and a bow. The only thing that I didn't like -- and this is probably just me -- is the corny jokes. I do love a good joke but some of these are just groaners. I suppose it's the "Dummies" style and a way to make learning the violin less daunting, but I think some of the jokes were a stretch. Not worth taking off a star or even a quarter of a star though. Good luck. Go out there and make some beautiful music!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good comprehensive information, especially good for beginners. By Matthew L. Reed There are a lot of books that supposedly teach you play violin, but I have learned more from this one than all the others combined. How do you hold the bow, how do you position your left hand on the neck, how do you bow the strings, etc. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. "Violin for Dummies" is a Life Changer! By wetzljo Katharine Rapoport's "Violin for Dummies" is exactly what the title implies....a how-to guide for people who want to embark on an adventure that is out of their comfort zone. Although my childhood piano teacher told my parents to stop wasting their money on lessons for me, now that I'm retired, I decided to try playing the violin. My first purchase was "Violin for Dummies", to see if this was actually something I could accomplish. Surprise! Rapoport's book gave me so much information, on basic music theory, on how to hold the violin and bow, how to read music, even on how to select a violin, that my confidence soared! The easy-to-play selections and the humorous approach, along with the play-along disc, gave me the confidence I needed to continue. Within a few weeks of purchasing/studying the book, I found a violin and an instructor. A year later, I am loving my new-found abilities, and looking forward to each day filled with music. "Violin for Dummies" was a Life Changer for me. Violin For Dummies, 2nd Edition

The beginner's guide to learning the violin for any musical style Violin For Dummies helps you teach yourself to play the violin, even if you've never read a note of music. From choosing the right violin for you to playing a variety of musical styles, this book has you covered. You'll start with the basics of posture and bowing technique, learn how to tune your instrument and keep it in beautiful condition with regular maintenance. You'll learn how to read and feel the music, and how to inject your own personality into whatever you play. Before you know it, you'll be playing classical, jazz, country, and more, as you become a bona fide violin player. The included audio and video instruction encourages you to play along as you learn, and allow you to hear, see, and imitate proper technique. The violin's small size, portability, and mimicry of the human voice have made it popular across cultures and throughout time. This book shows you how to teach yourself the basics so you can start playing quickly. Start with the basics of proper hold and bowing technique Learn how to properly tune and care for your violin Understand the nuances of rhythm and musical notation Play classical, jazz, and other popular styles of music The violin has a reputation of being difficult to learn, but the reality is that it's difficult to master. Anyone can learn, and practice over time will refine your technique and your musical style. You'll have fun, make music, and maybe even fall in love with this instrument that has inspired some of the world's best musicians and composers. Get started today, the easy way, with Violin For Dummies.

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