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14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Great Method for young childrenBy Linda LukowskiThis method presents basic musical concepts broken down simple terms children aged 3-5 can relate to. Concepts are presented with easy card games, simple crafts, silly rhymes, duets and songs and the students keep coming back for more.The children love it They use animals and stories to keep the kids interested and teach to the level of note values. They get the children to practice a little but do not overwhelm them. The children feel successful. Before I discovered this method, I was at a complete loss as to how to teach this age group and usually turned them away. And the best part for me is all the work is done. Well worth the money. I had to initially learn the method, songs, make the games cards but after a couple of hours I was done and now I have a wonderful program to present. I really love how this husband and

wife team work so hard to make music fun compared to some books I had to grow up with. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. WunderKeys variety is great! By Jan Roelofs Since I am working with the WunderKeys materials for the first time this fall, I did not know just what to expect. I am finding that the lessons work really well for some students, particularly if I supplement the book material with the extra activities (great stuff) that Andrea offers online. Students who are a bit younger seem to struggle a bit with keeping up and need extra review. The colors, the Finger Friends, and the duets, especially, are really fun for the preschoolers! Great material! I needed to spend a lot of time printing all the "extras" but found the games, etc. very worthwhile! 16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. A very good, but not perfect, piano method for preschoolers By Poison Wood I have been playing the piano for more than thirty years, but I'm not a piano teacher. I was looking around for a method to introduce my 3-year-old daughter to the piano and found this method online. Right now, we're working on a combination of Wunderkeys and the Suzuki books. Whether you're a parent or a teacher, if you want to use this method, go to the company's website and sign up as a teacher to access lots of resources. I really like certain aspects of this method. Each finger is identified by an animal, and the books are great for introducing basic concepts in a fun way. The child learns things like loud versus soft, high notes versus low notes, black keys versus white keys, and so on. My daughter really enjoys the little stories included in the books and the simple activities. However, I give it 4 stars instead of 5 because I feel it's not musical enough. The books don't actually (so far anyway - halfway through book 2) teach the child any songs. The supplemental materials do include some songs for the teacher to play, but I feel that's not enough, and in stark contrast to the Suzuki method, for example. I remember clearly my own pleasure when I learned my first piano song - even though it only featured two or maybe notes! I think the joy of the piano comes from the pleasure of making music, and I think that's a bit lacking in these books. With that being said, I think these books have plenty to recommend them and can be used in combination with other books that dive into making music a little more quickly.

Please note: The WunderKeys Book Series is intended to be used in conjunction with the Wunderkeys Piano For Preschoolers program. While available to everyone, the books are best used by Registered Wunderkeys Teachers who have access to the additional lesson materials and supplementary activities online. Sorting Sounds is the first of three books in the WunderKeys Piano for Preschoolers program. This one-on-one, story-based piano program takes very young children with no prior musical experience on a magical journey where they acquire the piano skills, keyboard awareness, and rhythmic understanding needed for a successful future at the piano. But wait... there's more! As our slogan states, WunderKeys gives preschool-aged children a head start in music, MATH, and life. That's right... math! But you don't need to be a math expert to teach this program. In fact, the math is so well integrated into each piano lesson that you will not even realize you are teaching valuable introductory math skills... it simply feels like you're leading your preschool student or child on a wonderful piano adventure. Be sure to check out WunderKeys Book 2 - Predicting Patterns and WunderKeys Book 3 - Recognizing Rhythm.