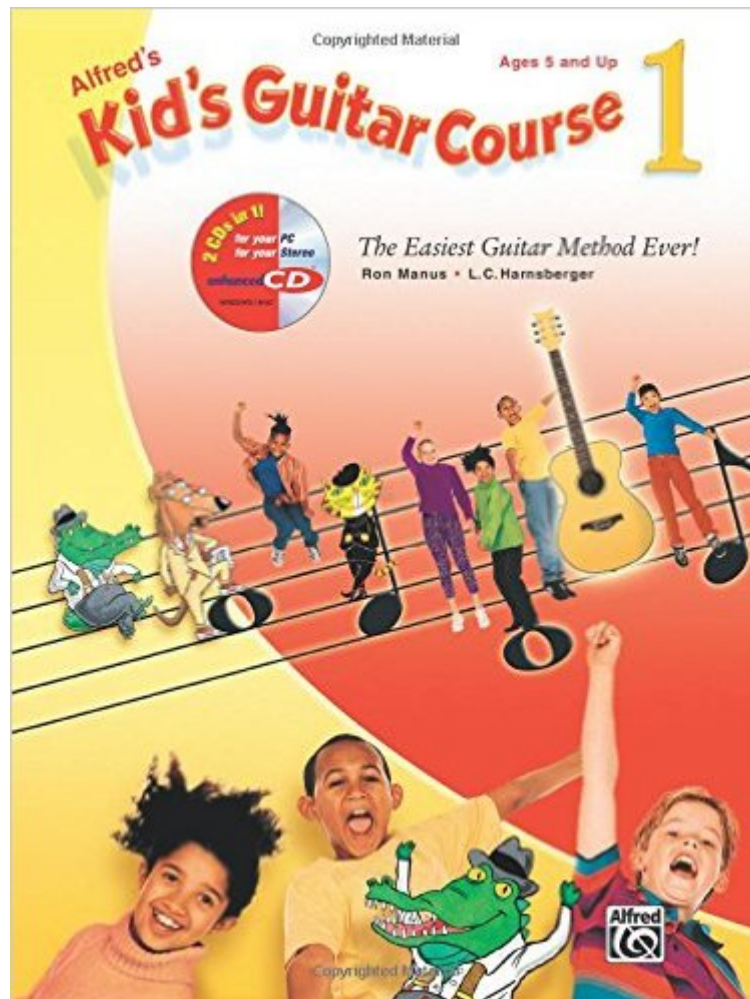


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# Alfred's Kid's Guitar Course 1: The Easiest Guitar Method Ever! (Book & Enhanced CD)



## Synopsis

Alfred's Kid's Guitar Course is the #1 best-selling guitar method for kids! This award-winning ("Best Product of the Year" -- Disney's iParenting Media Award) method is the easiest guitar method ever for kids ages 5 and up. Using plain language that's easy for kids to understand, three irresistible guitar experts guide students along---a clever classical dog, one cool jazz cat, and a friendly alligator who loves the blues---they focus attention by pointing out what's important on each page and make learning music fun! Kids will learn to play chords and melodies, read music, and perform lots of fun songs. Book 1 starts by teaching you how to hold the guitar and tune the strings, and by the time you finish, you'll be strumming chords, reading music notation, and playing lots of familiar songs. The book comes to life on your stereo and your computer with the enclosed enhanced-CD. The disc includes beautiful recordings of all the music in the book and can be played on your CD player or downloaded to your iPod® or other mp3 player. Play the same disc on your computer (Windows/Mac compatible) to instantly access an interactive guitar tuner, digital guitar chord dictionary, and play-along songs! Kids can see and hear the music, and even adjust the tempo of songs for practice or performance!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I am a guitar teacher with a degree in jazz guitar. I teach 30 kids a week in age ranges from 1st

grade through senior citizen. I am also an early childhood music teacher who teaches general music classes and percussion in pre-school through 5th grade. I have tried several other books to various degrees of success using other materials and my knowledge of children of this age. This book is an effortless teach to children this age. I am convinced you don't even need to know how to play guitar to teach your own child with this book. Teachers...if you have kids this age its a great find. Starts with chords and easy songs. Not too many pictures to cause distractions. Later it gets into reading on the first three strings with ease. I finished the book in something like 10 weeks with 4 students in 1st-3rd grades. All of them are playing beyond my expectations. I can't wait for another one from these people. Heard its coming out end of Jan. 05. Good luck.

This is a beautiful, colorful book that really draws your child in just because it looks so fun! I'm so happy that they made a beginning guitar book like this because I've found that usually only piano gets so much attention. I've played guitar since I was nine, and have a Masters degree in Music. Guitar is a wonderful instrument to learn. You can take it with you anywhere and you can accompany yourself singing. You can also learn classical guitar easily if you start young and people will love to listen. I think more kids should learn guitar at a young age. Hopefully this book makes that possible! I started using it with my son. It moves in easy steps. It's an excellent book. Highly recommended.

This book gets the kids playing right away with no time wasted on theory that a small child could not comprehend. The CD makes the playing more fun and feel more "grown-up". Nice book! Both the 7 year old and 5 year old are enjoying using it.

Bought my son a guitar for Christmas. Looked and researched books to help him learn to play. After searching for a while I chose this one and am glad I did. It is easy to understand. My son is 10 years old and I don't think it is too young for him. I recommend it...

This is one of THE BEST methods out there for the young guitar student learning to play pick style guitar. The book and enhanced C.D. are excellent instructional tools. I've used this book for a few years in private instruction and just started using it in my young beginners group guitar class with great success in both areas. The text starts with three-string chords and progresses through various rhythmic combinations (though never using eighth notes) with the C,G,G7, and D7 chords. Along the way the student will play some original and folk songs (i.e. three blind mice, etc). The melodies

are provided on the accompanying C.D. and are quite easy to pick out. The second half of the book focuses on learning to read standard notation. (NOTE: there is not TAB) The text covers notes through the first three strings. As with the chord section the child will play various original melodies as well as famous classical and folk melodies (i.e. Ode to Joy, Jingle Bells, etc). In this section the student will play the chords they have learned previously along with the notes they are learning. If you are using this book in private or group lessons you may want to introduce standard note reading alongside the introduction of chords, instead of moving sequentially through the book. As stated earlier there is NO TAB in this book which may turn some teachers off. After completing this book the student would understand the material roughly through the first half of Book 1 of either the Hal Leonard or Mel Bay Guitar Methods. If you are looking for a method for classical guitar for the young this is NOT for you! I would highly recommend getting Classical Guitar for the Young by Jay Traylor. An even better book though difficult to get in the U.S. is The Guitarist's Way by British guitarists Peter Nuttall & John Whitworth.

My son, age 11, used this as his first introduction to playing guitar and it has been wonderful! The book, cd, dvd combo is priceless. The lessons are very short and easy to understand. We watched each one on the dvd and proceeded to use the book for hours of practice. The dvd is wonderful when it comes to explaining concepts but also to be able to rewind and hear over and over. A huge plus was being able to play along with the dvd to help keep time. He breezed through this in a short 7 weeks and enjoyed every minute. This course made learning guitar a joy for our family.

This has been a great first guitar book for my 7-year-old. I love the CD that plays the same notes with the book. It lets the child know they are playing it correctly or incorrectly. The cords are presented first with 3 string simple cords and then advance to 6 string cords as the 3 string ones are mastered. Sound music theory including strummung notation. Colorful pictures and classic kids songs that all kids will recognize. I think for a young player this is a good buy and a great way to start guitar!

I'm not much of a guitar player; I know just enough to fiddle, and wanted to give my 8-year old some experience without paying for lessons to see if the interest in the instrument was actually there first. I'm amazed at how quickly one is able to pick things up with this book; it is clear and easy to use and, importantly, lets kids play "real" songs that build on each other so they can have a good sense of success as they progress through the book. The CD that comes with it is a good aid as well.

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