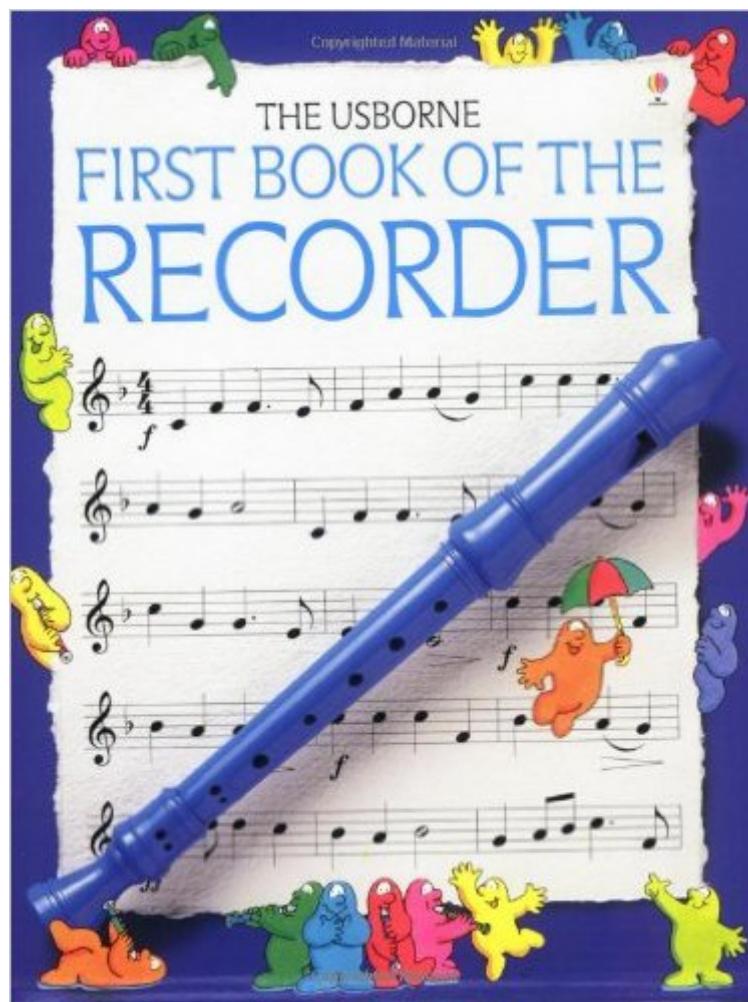


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# First Book Of The Recorder (Usborne First Music)



## **Synopsis**

This is a simple and colourful guide to playing the descant recorder, for absolute beginners of any age. Friendly cartoon characters explain how to play each note, and provide an entertaining introduction to reading and understanding music. Carefully graded tunes - including well-known tunes, folk songs and Christmas carols - help players to develop their musical and technical skills at a steady pace. There are games and puzzles throughout the book, as well as fascinating facts about the recorder.

## **Book Information**

Age Range: 6 and up

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## **Customer Reviews**

We love Usborne books but skip this one. The layout is terribly busy and it tries to teach too much at once. After showing you the parts of the recorder and how to hold it, it goes right into playing your first note, writing musical notation ("This sign at the beginning of the staff is called a treble clef."), and playing a rhythm, all before you get to page 10! I could not imagine introducing my seven-year-old to the recorder using this book. I have a hard time making sense of it (and I'm a college graduate). Get a hold of "Recorder Fun" instead which seems like a good starter text for the recorder.

I am pretty sure I own a copy of this book already, but I cannot find it. It's a wonderful resource for teaching young children to play the recorder. If you're about my age, you probably remember

learning to play one yourself in about the 4th grade. As a homeschooling parent, I've found it's a wonderful, inexpensive first instrument and a lovely introduction to music. This book makes it easy for me to teach my children to play.

I already read music, and I found the layout of this book terribly confusing. Fingering for each note is interspersed with little spurts of music theory, and skips fingering for "F" altogether! I do not recommend this book for anyone, least of all a child new to music, all you will succeed in doing is turning him off the recorder forever.

Was hoping this would be like the beginner book my daughter received in school (she had to turn hers in end of the year--4th grade). She says this book is too simple.

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