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Alfred's Basic Piano Course: Lesson Book - Level 3



Synopsis

This easy step-by-step method emphasizes correct playing habits and note reading through interval recognition. Lesson Book 3 introduces ""overlapping pedal""; new time signatures 3/8 and 6/8; and the primary triads in Major and Minor keys. Concepts include: passing one under two and one under three; playing major scales in contrary motion; the chromatic scale; the minor scale. For reinforcement of each principle as it is introduced, supplementary material is carefully coordinated, page for page, at each level of instruction. Coordinating supplemental books for Level 3 include: Classic Themes * Composition * Duet * Ear Training * Ensemble * Fun * Hymn * Merry Christmas * Merry Christmas Ensemble * Musical Concepts * Notespeller * Patriotic Solo * Recital * Repertoire * Sight Reading * Technic * Theory and Top Hits! Solo, Christmas and Duet Book. Songs Include: Alpine Melody * Casey Jones * A Day in Vienna * Enchanted City * Fandango * Festive March * Go Down, Moses * Goodbye, Old Paint * Greensleeves * Hunting Song * Intermezzo * Light and Blue * The Major and the Minor * Make Up Your Mind! * On Top of Old Smoky * Prelude in 18th Century Style * Raisins and Almonds * La Raspa * Roman Holiday * Scarborough Fair * Scherzo * Village Dance * Waltz Pantomime

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Customer Reviews

As a piano teacher of students from beginners through HS for the past 15 years, I am a big fan of the Alfred series. The Lesson Book is a solid teaching tool, and the additional books, including Solo Book, Fun Book, Recital Book, Theory Book, Technique Book, etc. are great resources. The Lesson Books walk a student methodically through the basics, building each lesson on the last. I particularly

like the approach through Book 2 and 3 of teaching the I, IV, and V7 chords, then implementing them so consistently. This is always a little confusing to students right at first, but by the middle of this Level 3 book, they have a solid grasp and are delighted to find these chords throughout all of their literature. I do find that some of the supplementary books are best started a little after the matching Lesson Book. I also find that the Christmas books in the Alfred series are much smaller (fewer songs) and have less variety than some of the other publishers, so even though I own them, I prefer other books.

After taking Alfreds lessons 1 & 2, I was surprised to find many of the same songs repeated in this book. (6 out of 22 or so songs were the same arrangements from previous books) Kind of disappointed about that, but Alfreds is still the best in this type of teaching so still would recommend to others.

This lesson program is great. This is the only method I use to teach piano. The closest music store is 1 hr from my home. Wonderful that I can order from .com and have it delivered to my home.

My daughter has really enjoyed these books. She spends lots of time using them to continue growing and becoming more and more advanced.

Great book, great series.

Highly recommended for young beginners. The arrangements are very nice and simple enough to make my students want to practice longer.

Great beginning piano lessons for young kids

Our daughter says it is the best book for practice at this level she has found. She recommends it highly.

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