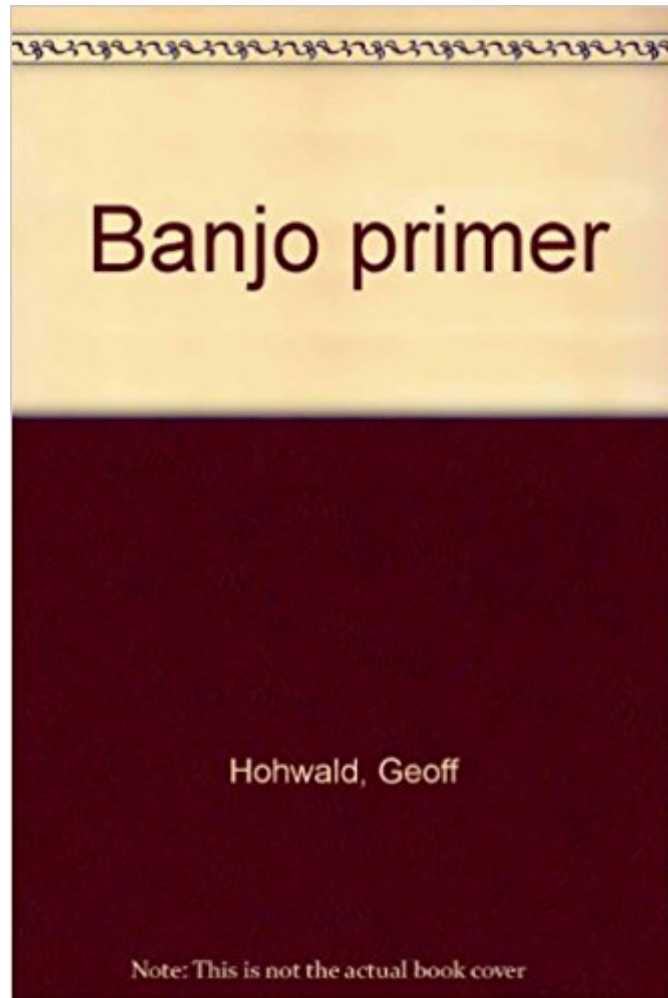




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# Banjo Primer



## Synopsis

Beginning bluegrass banjo instruction. The first true beginner's book revealing the secrets of 3 finger Earl Scruggs type banjo picking. Clearly illustrated with over 40 photographs, it includes basic rolls, exciting and easy to play song arrangements, and up the neck breaks. The companion audio CD includes Boil Them Cabbage Down, Cripple Creek, John Hardy, Black Mountain Rag, Little Maggie, and Kicking Mule. All songs are played at 2 to 3 speeds. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The best beginning banjo instruction on the market. Teaches the beginner how to play Earl Scruggs type banjo. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Geoff Hohwald has been playing and teaching the banjo for over 20 years. He has been exposed to and studied all of the great banjo players who have contributed so much to the bluegrass banjo as it is played today. These players include Earl Scruggs, Bill Keith, JD Crowe, Sonny Osborne, John Hickman, and Alan Munde to name a few. Geoff has written 4 books (Banjo Primer, Banjo Songs Volume I, Banjo Songs Volume II, & Banjo Songs Volume III). He also did the Introduction to Banjo Video. Geoff currently lives in Atlanta where he performs with Greater Atlanta Bluegrass Band. He also owns two music stores in Atlanta, Galaxy Music and Famous Bargain Music. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My wife can't believe it, I actually can play the banjo. I couldn't have done it without this book. I haven't spent a dime on private lessons, and you don't have to either. This is the only lesson you will need. The book comes with an audio tape (or CD) so you can hear the songs. Geoff talks you through each step and in no time, he will have you playing real songs. I only wish Geoff had a

second book.

Easy instructions.

This book is pretty good, with lots of information. The CD is a little discouraging, though, to a beginner. He plays the songs REALLY slow, and then kinda slow at a good "I've-played-the-guitar-for-years-but-never-the-banjo" beginner pace, but then the third time he calls "medium jam speed" and the implication of that is he would like to take it faster, but he's holding back for your benefit. The problem is it's about 20 times faster than the previous speed and he also doesn't play in the same rhythm, but adds some swing to it or something, so it's pretty hard to follow. Bottom line, this book/CD set is not step by step, but there's nothing like hours of repetitive practice to get you up to speed!

I bought this book as a very beginning book for self teaching myself to play the banjo. He does have some good points (make sure you get the book with the CD in it) and has a very slow speed, a slow speed, then a beyond-my-speed speed. Buy this and also Janet Davis's You Can Teach Yourself Banjo also. The two will help get you going without a teacher for awhile.

I'm a guitar player and have already added bass and mandolin to my repertoire. This is a decent enough beginner book, I thought it was related to a mandolin book I got from Bert Casey. But... It only has tab and does not include the corresponding music notation. I really wanted to add the ability to read music in addition to learning banjo basics. If all you want to do is learn banjo and are not interested in reading music this will work, otherwise, look for a book that contains both.

no flashy songs in this book, but it makes learning very easy and you will be progressing at a good pace!

Combine this book with the free banjo videos on the "Watch & Learn" website and this has been an enjoyable start to learning to play the banjo. I recommend the "BanjoHut.com" site to purchase your banjo (one of 's suppliers).

Great beginner book!

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