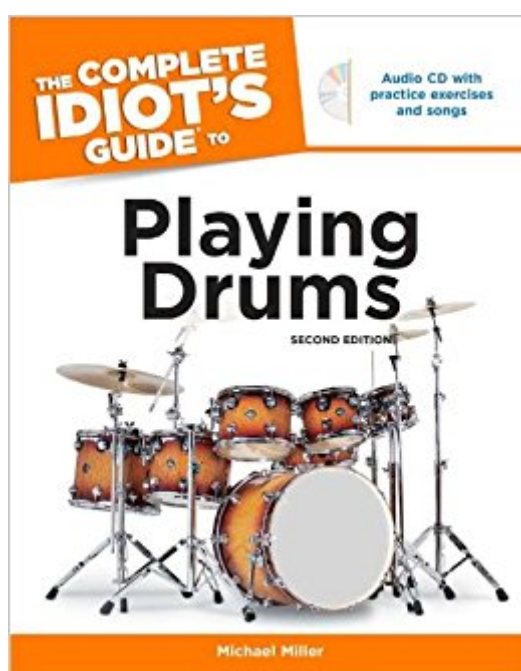


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# The Complete Idiot's Guide To Playing Drums, 2nd Edition (Complete Idiot's Guides (Lifestyle Paperback))



## Synopsis

You can't beat this one for learning the basics! This book covers everything the aspiring drummer needs to know—from an overview of drums and percussion history and theory; to information on purchasing, tuning, and maintaining drums; to basic music notation, rhythm, and time signatures; to snare drum fundamentals; playing a complete drum set; and basic beats for every style of music. In addition, this newly revised edition contains an audio CD featuring all exercises and solos from the book, tuning examples, and play along tracks. • Audio CD included • According to a Gallup survey, there are over 62 million amateur musicians in the U.S. • Drums are the third most popular instrument among amateur musicians

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## Customer Reviews

This book provides a thorough overview of the history and theory of drums and percussion instruments -- Modern Dummer Magazine, July 2004

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I like the content, flow and presentation. In spite of the title (which as you know is just a marketing thing, been around a long time), this book is written for SMART folks who are looking for a complete guide to getting started with drums. Lot of info on different kinds of drums, advice on how to select them, what you need to get started, even if your budget is limited. He walks through everything from how to set up your drum(s), how to hold the sticks (traditional or matched grip), how to read music. All that before you get to the actual exercises. The audio CD is great because it has all the exercises, so don't worry if reading music is new to you. It's actually pretty easy, especially at first when you're only playing the snare. All the notes are on the same line, so all you have to do is get the rhythm. I play the CD through my electronic drum set, when practicing drums, or into my bass amp for a backing track. I'm still working through the exercises, got a long way to go, but already know this book will take me a far along my journey.

good book about drumming, the author covers just about every topic on this instrument.

I was a complete novice when it came to drums and enjoyed the very basic introduction to the instrument. This won't make you an expert, but it's well worth the price. The drumshop in Indianapolis, IN, as far as I can tell, has closed so the next nearest ones are in Chicago, IL and Champaign, IL. Even St Louis has only one small shop. At least after reading this book I was able to intelligently look at drumsets. Find yourself a local drummer and talk with them before you buy. I was able to purchase a used set at 40 to 50% off the new price from Craig's List.

Ok

I have been playing for over 15 years... not that that truly means much, but I like to think that I am pretty well trained. I give lessons, do studio sessions, play in multiple groups with a broad range of diversities, etc. With that being said, this book has really brought me back to my foundation! As a long time percussionist, I have really developed my own style and sound. However, this book has successfully reacquainted me with a number of things that I have either forgot about or just simply missed in my early development stages. As I have worked through this book on my own and with my students, I have been surprised at how easy it is to follow! This book was truly written for a beginner to understand each aspect of "playing" or a drummer stuck in his ways like myself to brush up on some old tricks! Recommended for every level of playing!

Excellent book for all-levels drummers. I found out so many interesting drum exercises here, so on this days I am improving my drumming so much! Very interesting information about everything concerning drum and drumming. It worths, definitely!

It starts with the very basics and also offers tips on purchasing and assembling a drum kit. This is probably the best beginner drum book I have seen. The author also recommends other books to use as well.

Explains it all, easy to understand & comprehend. Excellent instruction guides you step by step. Very satisfied!

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