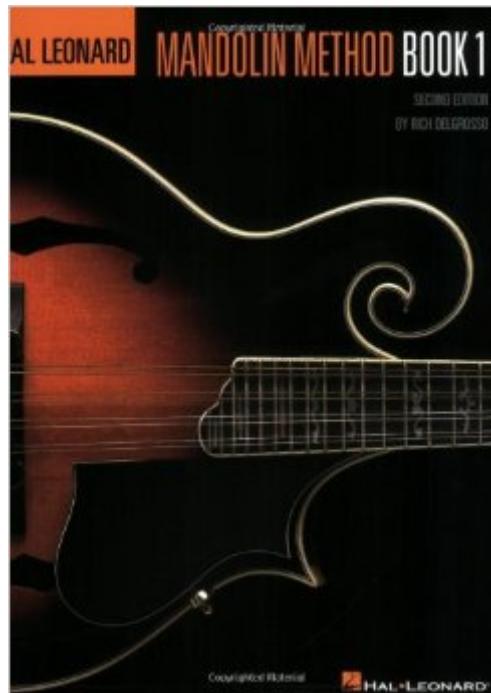


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(Fretted). The Hal Leonard Mandolin Method Second Edition is the newly updated and revised version of the original classic method by Rich Del Grosso. This comprehensive and easy-to-use beginner's guide includes many fun songs of different styles to learn and play. The available CD edition includes 43 tracks of songs from the book for demonstration and play along. You'll be playing mandolin in no time with the step-by-step instruction provided by this best-selling method! The book includes: tips on buying instruments, mandolin anatomy, tuning instructions, fundamentals of music reading, single-note picking, bluegrass chops, doublestops, tremolo picking, drones, a variety of songs, and much, much more!

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Customer Reviews

I have a soft spot for Rich DelGrosso's mandolin method, since this was the book I used twenty years ago to first teach myself mandolin. DelGrosso's book made that as painless as possible, so I must give this book high marks. Whenever a pupil starts lessons with me, I insist they get this book since I know it well and it contains an excellent variety of songs and styles. Make sure the one you're getting comes with the CD: as of my writing, it's not clear that this page refers to the one that comes with a CD. But though I would consider this book the best all-around book, I consider it to have a few problems: 1. The accompanying CD is poorly done. That's Mr. DelGrosso himself performing the songs, but that's not the problem. The problem is that they tried to make every song sound nice, so usually there's accompaniment by either steel-stringed guitar or even bagpipes to

flesh things out. The problem is you didn't buy the CD to hear nice music, but to learn how to play yourself! What many other instructional CDs do is have the melody on the right track, say, with the accompaniment on the left track, so that the student may turn down the accompaniment and listen only to the melody, or vice-versa. You can't do that on this CD, which is unfortunate. Both the melody and the accompaniment are on both tracks. There's some rather hairy accompaniments herein: you'll doubtless want to isolate a few of them and listen to them carefully before trying them yourself, but there is no way to do this.² What's the need for learning so many alternate voicing of various chords? This strikes me as something an advanced player will need to know -- not just starting out.

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