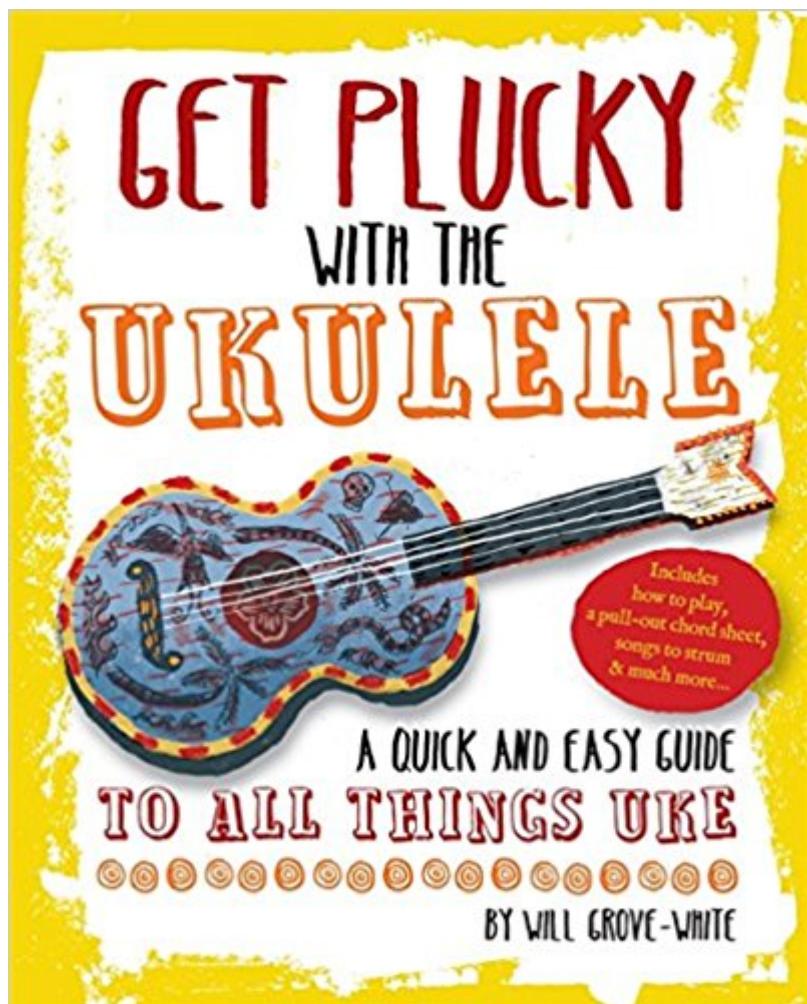


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Get Plucky With The Ukulele: A Quick And Easy Guide To All Things Uke



Synopsis

Interested in the ukulele and want to learn how to play it? This is the book for you. This all-encompassing guide to the ukulele is written by Will Grove-White, one of the world-renowned Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain. Clearly written, beautifully designed, and chock-full of photos and illustrations, Get Plucky With the Ukulele is the perfect teach-yourself ukulele book for adults and children alike, and a must for anyone with an interest in the instrument. - No knowledge of music required - Clearly written and easy to understand - Full colour photographic illustrations - Chords to learn and songs to strum - Simple and advanced strumming techniques - Pull-out Chord Dictionary - Tips and tricks for writing your own songs - How to play in a group - Play along with the songs online Also includes: - A complete history of the ukulele - Biographies of great uke players from past and present - Ukulele revelations about Jimi Hendrix, Neil Armstrong, Elvis Presley and more... Reviews "Get Plucky With The Ukulele is just as much fun as taking a new uke out of its case, and even more informative." Philip Pullman "A jollier than usual teach yourself manual... also an encyclopaedia-cum-history of 'all things uke'" The Oldie "As someone who seems to spend all my waking hours immersed in the ukulele, I learned much from this book. Beautifully presented and illustrated throughout... Highly recommended." Got A Ukulele (Barry Maz) "Witty, informative and opinionated. I heartily recommend picking up a copy." Ukulele Hunt (Al Wood) "Definitely the best book on the ukulele I have ever read." Lynn Barber Book Description: A complete guide to the ukulele: learn how to play, history of the uke, songs to strum, beginner and advanced techniques, famous pluckers, pull-out chord dictionary and much, much more...

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If you are looking for a book to learn how to play songs on a uke, buy a songbook. The "Jumpin' Jim" series is outstanding. Get Plucky covers in detail the history of the uke, famous players (pluckers), types of ukes, etc. It is a very interesting book, but I repeat it is more about the instrument and less about learning songs. It is amazing how popular this instrument is and how pluckers pluck it all over the globe. I wish the author would have written a piece about the banjolele (ukulele in the shape of a short-necked banjo) as played in Brazil. It is used to play tunes also played by the cavaco (cavaquinho), a cousin to the ukulele. The big difference in sound is the volume.

Will Grove-White's humo(u)r gives this wonderful book a sparkle most uke books lack. This book will please pro players as much as those who've never plunked a note. Quick history, influential performers, techniques, and many more facets of the ukulele from an early member of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain whose experience gives expertise in the joys of the instrument. This book is a quick read with great depths when reread (and you will want to play the fun exercises and songs he provides). Whether you love the ukulele, or have a slight curiosity, this book is a great companion.

I read this book 3/4 of the way through on first read. I love the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain of which the author is a member. While I am not quite a beginning Uke player, I am close. I haven't really read the instruction part of the book as yet, but the beginning part is well written and entertaining.

Ukulele Friends...Will Grove-White's new book - GET PLUCKY WITH THE UKULELE is amazing. It arrived in my mailbox on Saturday and by Monday I had finished the first full read-through. I'm sure I will read it again and again. I highly recommend it. Will's love for the uke and great sense of humor permeates the entire book as he touches on his Ukulele Heroes, Ukulele History and his approach to playing. Great story about how he lost Ian Whitcomb's Vintage Martin, too. Very cool and colorful artsy pictures and lots of "how-to's" as well. There is even a chord chart pull out. You will not be disappointed. Will is a member of The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain and has been making his living as a fulltime ukulele player for over 25 years. How many people can say that? His enthusiasm

for all things ukulele is as fresh as the first strum on a new uke. If I was writing a book about Ukuleles, He would certainly be listed as one of my Top Ukulele Heroes. I dont even have to write a book to tell you that I think Will's playing and writing is worthy of Hero Status. Will is certainly one of the good guys! I have a lot of ukulele books...This one is my new favorite!

Like the Ukulele, this book is fun, fun, fun! It's also loaded with great historical info about the great uke players of the past, and snapshots of some of the great performers of today. It goes on to give some excellent ukulele lessons in a way that is simple, straightforward, and very practical. If you own a ukulele, you should own this book! It is a fun read, in a style that is uplifting and laced with personal observations. It's also beautifully made--heavily bound to last a lifetime, great photos, and easy to follow instructions. Highly recommended!

This book, like the ukulele itself, spreads happiness and joy. As 'The Ukulele Dude' I'm always on the lookout for good ukulele resources and history. Will Grove-White has it all, from the mysterious Z Chord to the history of the instrument and the basics of playing it. The colorful graphics, the easy to read text and enjoyable content make this a fun book for all ages. For someone just getting started in the ukulele, it is a must have, but even the seasoned ukulele player will enjoy the stories and insight. It is also indexed, a benefit over some of the other books available.

This is an awesome little book! A gem for both beginners and seasoned players alike. Reading it makes you proud to be part of the fabulous family of ukers! Fascinating snippets about uke history and the people who love it as well as practical, simplified hints for getting started. Buy it as a gift but get one for yourself as well. I did both :)

Interesting and humorous - even has a section to challenge intermediate players. Have bought a copy for a friend as well.

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