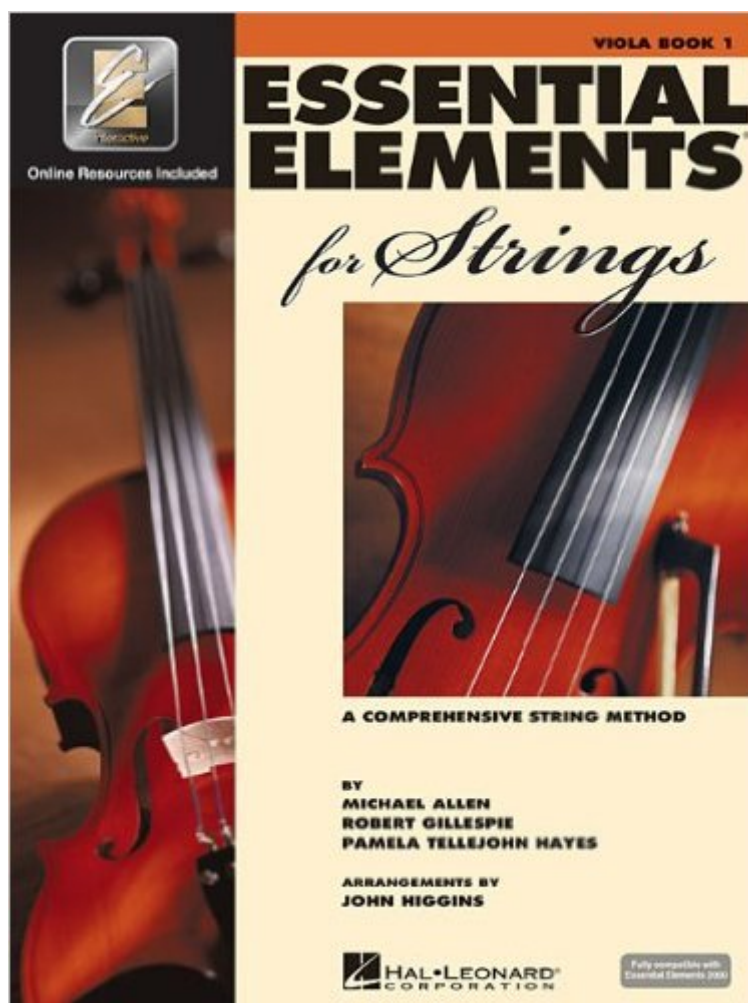


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I've never played a musical instrument in my life, nor can I read music, so I thought this would be a good starter book, & it is, even for someone age 37. The DVD & CD are a great plus and help you

feel like you're really moving along. The pace seems right and the notes are identified within the music initially to help in the learning process. I recommend this to anyone looking to start out.

I took private viola lessons for a few months in 2012 and I got the basics down from my teacher. I moved from that city to a new one and instead of getting another private instructor I decided to pick up this book and I'm really glad I did. I've been cruising through all of the various lessons and I'm improving every day. I'm an older player (i'm in my late 20's right now), and I don't have much of a musical background besides playing guitar. I struggled with learning all of the notes and reading music, but this book made it really easy. I am now almost at the point where I automatically know which note is which, and I would say I can play a tune well enough for someone to recognize it. I'm only 1/3 of the way through this book now. If you've never played a stringed instrument before then I would recommend you get a teacher for a couple months to show you the basics and how to tune your instrument, but after that you could pick up this book and teach yourself for the most part. Even if you didn't get a teacher this book would be useful, but it would just be a much larger learning curve.

After forty years away from an instrument, I wanted to relearn viola. This book was PERFECT. Then again, I think it would also work for a new student, but they'd just go through it more slowly. In a week, I reacquired my basic skills, now I'm on to Essentials books two and three.

I have been playing for 5 years now. I started with guitar then mandolin, then banjo, then fiddle. I have taken many classes and lessons. I have bought a stack of terrible music instruction books. Many Mel Bay books are ridiculous by giving sheet music and telling you 'now play this.' This book has diagrams where to place your arms, hands and finger to play notes. It also has little letters inside notes signifying what note it is. I made sheet music for myself in photoshop like this when I first started playing. It was how I learned to read standard notation. Viola is played in ALTO CLEF and the notes are in (even another place than treble or bass clef). This book is what you want.

This book was purchased in July 2015. I bought this for my daughter who will be taking viola class in school starting in September. The book quality is very good, nice quality pages. It appears easy to read with lots of exercises on how to hold and place fingers on the strings. As for the type of music, it looks very appropriate for beginners with easy looking scales and notes. Since I'm not a string player, I do not know if it would be easy to use to teach yourself. One issue we had was that it did

not come with the CD. There was a mail away postcard to send for one, or you can go online to their website and request one using their Activation Code, which also allowed for streaming. Only, ours did not work. sent another book, thinking the wrong book was sent (free of charge) but the other book was the same. We wanted the physical CD because my 9 year old will be practicing in her room and I don't want to have her using her electronics in order to practice. If she were to use her kindle or ipad, I'm sure she would find herself doing something other than practicing! So, I found we will have to try sending away with the postcard provided. The publisher did email me to try to get this resolved. I haven't yet reached out back to them, but I'm sure this will be resolved. It shouldn't have to be so hard though, for a little beginner book.

This is a great book for someone just getting started like myself. It isn't thick so I can slip it right into my viola case without any problems, and the online resources are great. You also have to option to apply for the dvd which is like all the music to play along with and the starter videos. When I bought this book at the time I wasn't aware that there were more to the little series, but I was pleasantly surprised by that and am happy that I can continue learning to play this wonderful instrument. The one thing I will say though, is that in the beginning it is a little confusing, at least for me it was. With trying to memorize the strings and what strings made what sound, but I got it in the end.

Bought this book for my son who is transitioning from violin to viola. They use the Essential Elements books in his district. He has been able to teach himself alto cleff from this book

Essential elements is a great resource for anyone who is first beginning an instrument whether it is the viola, violin or a band instrument. I highly recommend this book for anybody just starting out with an instrument.

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