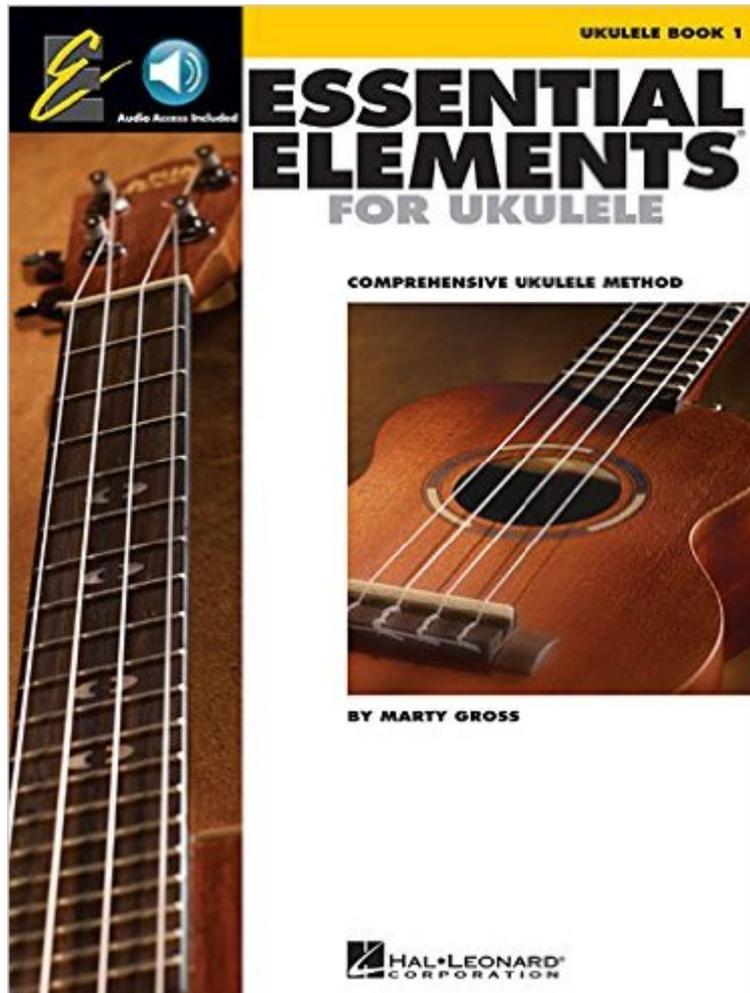


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# Essential Elements For Ukulele - Method Book 1: Comprehensive Ukulele Method (Ukulele Ensemble)



## Synopsis

(Essential Elements Ukulele). Playing the ukulele is an enjoyable, easy, and inexpensive way to get involved in music. It provides a way to learn musical concepts and skills that can apply to any instrument you decide to study. Moreover, it will give you a great opportunity to share the joy of making music with other people. This book will help to provide you with the basic skills and musical background you need to get started. The online audio contains demonstrations of all the songs and examples available for download or streaming using the access code printed inside the book. This carefully crafted method emphasizes chord strumming skills; teaching students HOW to practice; note reading exercises; "chord challenges" to learn how to figure out chord progressions; tab reading; and more. It also includes nearly 30 familiar songs that students can play while still learning, including: All My Loving \* Home on the Range \* Hound Dog \* Jambalaya (On the Bayou) \* La Bamba \* The Lion Sleeps Tonight \* The Rainbow Connection \* Take Me Out to the Ballgame \* and more! Practice, experiment, and have fun playing the ukulele!

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## Customer Reviews

Ordered this for my son at his request. I give it 4 stars because it hasn't kept him interested in the Ukulele as the Essential Elements for flutes kept him interested in the flute. I am not sure the difference but only know what I see. He has learned some from it so I am guessing since he is 11 years old it is an easy to follow book, maybe until you get to a certain point, unsure.

Easy to follow book that works through the basics at a great pace whether you know how to read music or if you have never okayed any other instrument in your life. The cd is a great reference and gives you an idea of what it should sound like when you play it. I have never played a stringed instrument and I was able to play most basic chords and scales after just a couple hours. My daughter is learning to play with me and she cannot read music and she is able to keep up with the book easily as well.

This book is in line with the Essential Elements series in that it teaches students how to read Western music notation. The song selection is OK but fairly out of date for an instrument that is so contemporary. Good tips and technique; recommended for students who wish to learn with a teacher.

The perfect choice for a beginner with little music background, like me. I got a uke, now what? A long time ago (I'm 62), I had some music theory, but that was a l-o-n-g time ago. I watched a bunch of videos on youtube, but they were too advanced for me. I found an old ukulele book that wasn't helpful as I had to retune my uke to an older tuning. I finally went to my local music store and asked them what they recommended. He said this is the book they use for their students of ukulele and guitar (this company makes one for guitar too). The public school system also uses it here he said. Sold! I really like how you get to play a couple songs right away. The illustrations are great, the instructions easy and to the point. They sneak in music theory as the book goes on so that I hardly noticed I was learning to read music as well as play. There aren't a lot of songs, but that's what all those youtube videos are for, right? It's a beginning. I am very happy with this book. Now when I watch youtube videos I have a basic knowledge to build on and can pick up the songs easier.

This book is a very comprehensive, clear and concise method for teaching and learning the ukelele. The illustrations, finger patterns, instructions and reinforcements throughout the book make it a pleasure to teach and learn from. Teachers and students will thoroughly enjoy the experience!

If you only get one book this is the one to get! Have had it for less than a week and I am amazed at how well I am understanding exactly what he is teaching. It all makes sense and the CD has all 70 lessons on it, so if you are having trouble getting it just right the CD is there to "show you" (audio only). It has instruction on various strums, chords and picking notes, then combining picking notes

and strumming. I would recommend this book to everyone trying to learn the Ukulele !!!

Some good information, but wanted more song selections.

Great place to start for a beginner. Easy to understand and helps build good fundamentals.

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