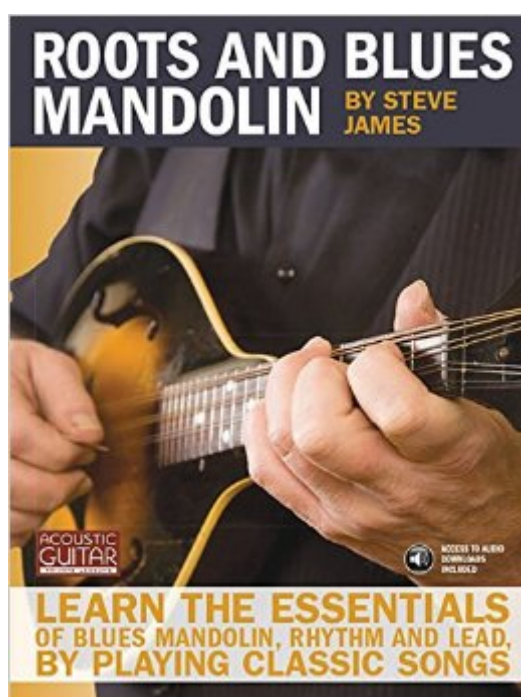


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# Roots And Blues Mandolin: Learn The Essentials Of Blues Mandolin - Rhythm & Lead - By Playing Classic Songs (Acoustic Guitar Private Lessons)



## Synopsis

(String Letter Publishing). The unmistakable voice of the mandolin has been heard from the earliest incarnations of blues to the contemporary roots music revival. Now learn the essentials of the style by playing 13 classic tunes! Covers: tuning & basic technique; blue notes & tremolo; songs in G; changing keys; moving to A; open tuning & slide mandolin; and so much more. Songs include: Corrina \* Dupree Blues \* Florida Blues \* Short'nin' Bread \* Trouble in Mind \* and more. Great for guitarists who want to learn to double on mandolin, or mandolin players who want to add blues to their repertoire. The complete set of accompaniment audio tracks for the musical examples and songs in the are available as a free download to those customers who have already purchased that book. Follow the directions in the book to obtain the files.

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I usually give most items I buy five stars. There are so many books on Bluegrass. This is a welcome change. Steve James does a great job with this book. I have subscribed to Acoustic Guitar magazine and his songs and music are great. Sometimes there is very complex material so I put it aside and come back later. Why four stars????? I don't like taking the chance going to websites and downloading a CD to use. I have had past issues downloading tracks and its been a nightmare. Then calling or emailing trying to get it straightened out. I am Old School to the max, and not a tech type person. There are a few of us left. LOLLOL The songs are fine, but short. The different blues

solos are a good thing to know. This is a good book for many skill levels. Mandolin is a different feel than banjo or guitar. If you can listen to the tracks slowly and read tabs, you can play these tunes. Since this is Blues type material, maybe even play some scales with certain blues jam tracks to get a feel also. If you play guitar this is a good book to break into to learn some mandolin.

I'm grateful to Steve James for producing this book. The licks and riffs he introduces are pure blues. The songs he uses take a player right into the good stuff. The accompanying downloads for each piece are spot on. My only complaint is that there's not a follow up book from this master teacher. Hey, Steve, if you're listening, I want a "Roots & Blues Mando II" book now!

The book looks great, but I can't listen to the tracks as it takes at least 24 hours for them to download. Customer service from Acoustic Guitar was unable to help me download the tracks.

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