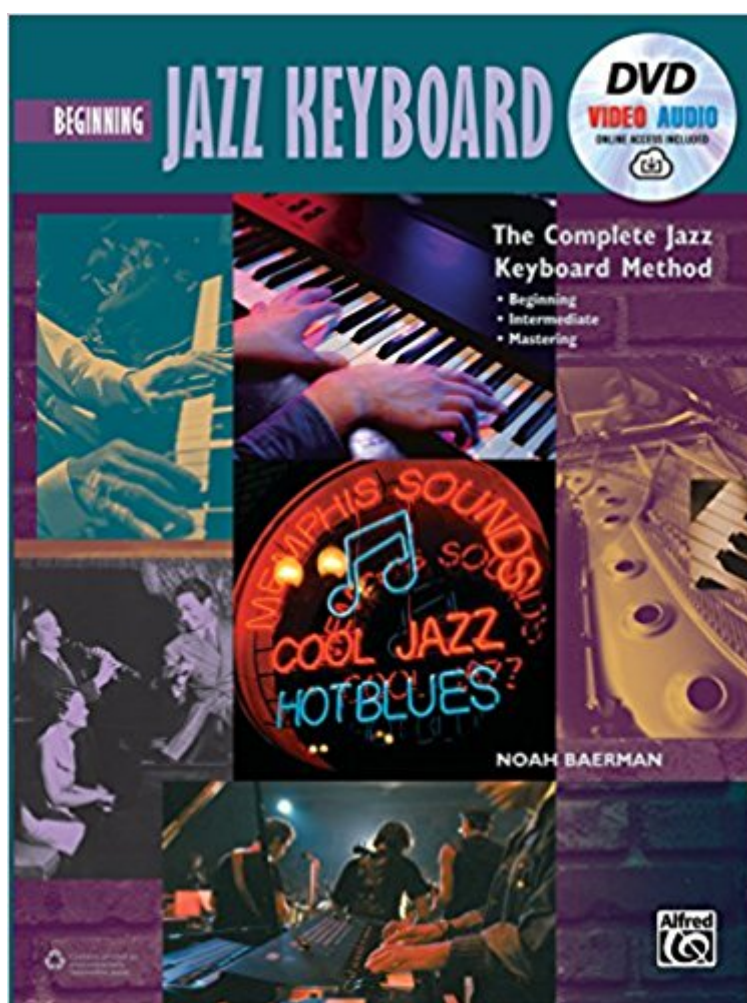


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# Complete Jazz Keyboard Method: Beginning Jazz Keyboard, Book, DVD & Online Audio & Video (Complete Method)



## Synopsis

Anyone with basic keyboard skills (equivalent to Alfred's Basic Piano Library: Lesson Book 2) can dig right in and begin learning jazz right away. From the major scale and basic triad theory all the way through to 7th chords, pentatonic scales, and modulating chord progressions, this book covers it all and features a full etude or tune demonstrating every new concept introduced. Beginning Jazz Keyboard breaks the age-old tradition of dry and confusing jazz books to provide a step-by-step, enjoyable method for learning to play jazz. The companion DVD features video lessons and MP3 audio demonstrations of the examples in the book. Both the video and audio can be streamed online or downloaded as well.

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## Customer Reviews

As a jazz musician and educator, I have many jazz books and each has its merits. This one is particularly suited for those new to jazz and music theory. It is straightforward, well organized, and provides a logical and visually interesting presentation of essential information. There are three books in this series for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Much of the content of the first publication is pertinent to any instrumentalist getting into jazz. This book would earn 5-stars... but be advised that it does NOT include the CD as suggested in 's listing. According to the Alfred Publishing website, the book/CD combo is a different ISBN and is naturally twice the price. I will also purchase the CD separately for evaluation, since this book is intended for my beginning students.

From carefully reviewing the book, I find it to be one of the better publications on the subject.

I am using this book to teach my daughter jazz piano. She is in 4th grade and has been playing piano for 3.5 years and practices 1/2 hour a day. I am using this book to supplement her primary piano lessons method, which is traditionally/classically based (reading notes on the grand staff). We found this book is the type that a student can go through 2-3 pages a week from beginning to end, like a normal instructional piano lessons book (aka method book). In this way, this book is different than other jazz instructional books such as Mark Levine's book or the Jamie Aebersold books, which although great books, are more like reference books. There are songs designed for practicing the lesson taught, for example. This book is easy enough for a lower intermediate player, like my daughter, to understand and digest. The songs are original and written to cater to the lesson Baerman is teaching, which helps the learner reinforce the learning. We are on the second chapter, so we do not know its effectiveness in teaching my daughter how to play jazz ultimately, but I am optimistic. Jazz is not an easy to learn genre of music, but this book is making it easier so far.

First of all, a WARNING! If you buy this book for \$9.95, do not expect to get a CD. I was very disappointed when I ordered this book and no CD nor DVD came with it. As far as the content goes, it's a great self-starter jazz pianist book, with a lot of great examples and clear explanations of the theory behind the music. If you're a beginner, meaning you know how to read music and know basics of scales and chords, this will be a great addition to your musical library.

I am a music teacher with classical training and a love of all things jazz. This intelligently-written book takes a logical and complete path through the genre. Concepts I know inside and out were organized in such teachable ways that I wish I had thought of myself. The book is a little treasure.

Good book, Kindle version is read perfectly (even images). But beware it is really "beginning" (I mean, if you're not a real beginner, you could probably find this book boring).

A thorough and professionally well thought out Jazz Piano book for beginners. Easy to understand. I believe it is all you need to learn the basics of jazz piano.

My guitar instructor began teaching me chord theory and changes, and he recommended this book as a guide. I do not play piano, so it has been very helpful for me to look at jazz progressions and

theories without the safety net of guitar TABS and chord position charts. Mr. Baerman is very careful in the layout of the contents, increasing the complexity of the lesson material at a nice pace, and not losing sight of the fact that these are lessons, not show-off opportunities for the instructor. I also purchased the Mastering Book and am quite happy with them both. My only qualm is that there was no CD included with the beginner course.

A great introduction for aspiring jazz pianists at the late beginner to early intermediate stage. Everything is covered from the ground up with detailed explanation and examples. This is the first of three books, as you progress the Intermediate and Master level books are available for continued studies.

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