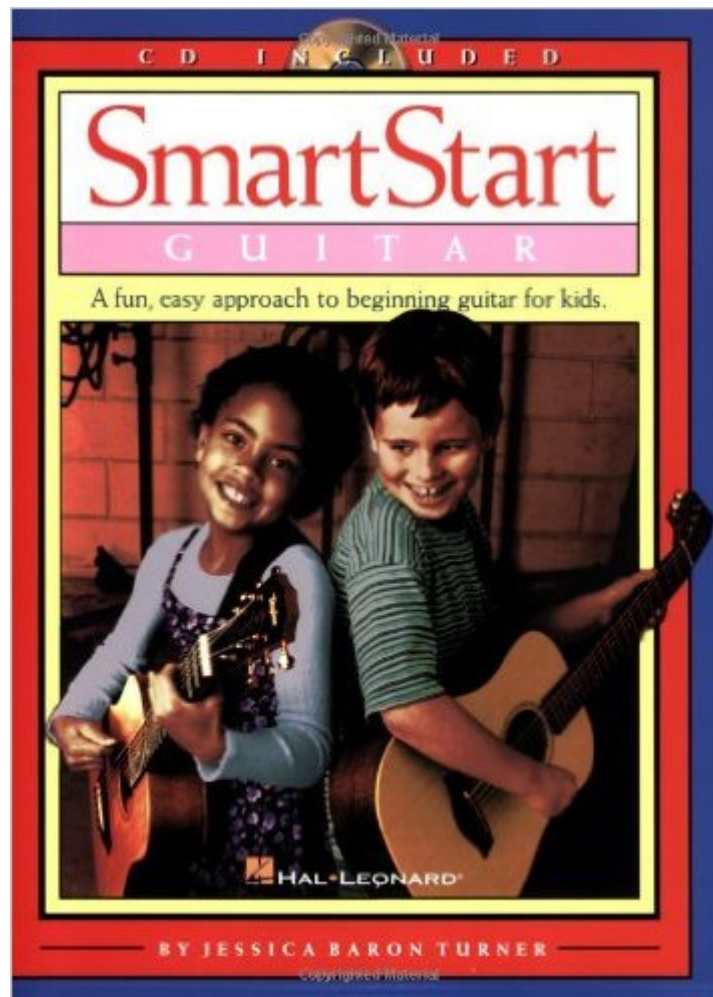


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# SmartStart Guitar: A Fun, Easy Approach To Beginning Guitar For Kids



## Synopsis

(Guitar Educational). Every kid wants to play guitar, and this innovative new instructional method lets them do just that! It's designed for use in the general music classroom, and is developmentally structured to get all beginning guitar students playing and singing from the very first lesson, no matter what their level of experience. Whether you have a small group or a classroom full of students, the Book/CD pak and the video will help you, the music teacher provide a quality musical experience, even if you are a beginner yourself! It's easy to use and before you know it, you'll be helping even young children to play well and build general music skills, one success at a time! For ages 5-10.

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Age Range: 5 - 10 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 5

## Customer Reviews

I bought this book for children who have some experience on piano and also have other guitar books. This book does not use standard tuning so the chords and other fingering learned are different than normal. Children cannot use this method with any other guitar book or chord reference book. It is good if you want to get very young children to be able to do something. However, it is limited in that you cannot carry the fingering knowledge beyond the book. You would be able to carry the strum patterns beyond this book.

It may be a SmartStart for kids, but I love it too. I don't play the guitar so I bought this book to start working with my 6 year old. He thinks it is great but now I'm hooked and finding myself learning to play! I love the CD that comes with the book. I put the kids to bed at night and sneak away with the book and my son's guitar. I didn't stick with lessons when I was a child. Jessica Baron Turner's method is more fun because you are playing traditional(fun to sing) songs right away...day one. The CD helps you tune the guitar and make sure your chords and songs sound correct. You can also rewind and rewind and not feel embarrassed. It's a great bargain for (...) bucks and both my son and I are very happy with it.

This book's approach to teaching music is essentially on the mark. I believe it to be crucially important for students (young & old) to begin music making doing just that - playing as much as possible first without being encumbered too much by reading lots of notation. The CD recording is very good in that it starts students playing using a G tuning thereby allowing music making to be virtually immediate. However, as matters progress to standard tuning, the recording provides notes that are 1/2 flat of concert pitch (Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, Bb, Eb instead of E, A, D, G, B, E)! Odd, especially considering that the G tuning IS at correct pitch. Publisher needs to correct this ASAP!

I have used this book for over 10 years with all my young students (Kindergarten on up). The open tuning gives students success right away and the introduction of chords is gradual and not overwhelming. I only use half of the book because once it gets to Em and the chords following, the fingerings stray too much from standard tuning that I then go to Ernie Ball Phase 1 How to Play Guitar. I still am giving it 5 stars because of the ease of the book for young students.

I liked it but my son did not find it interesting. He just didn't get into playing guitar. This is a good book for starters without a lot of expense.

I'm very happy with the purchase. I also purchased the SmartStart DVD and SmartStart Songbook to accompany this book. The price was very good!

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