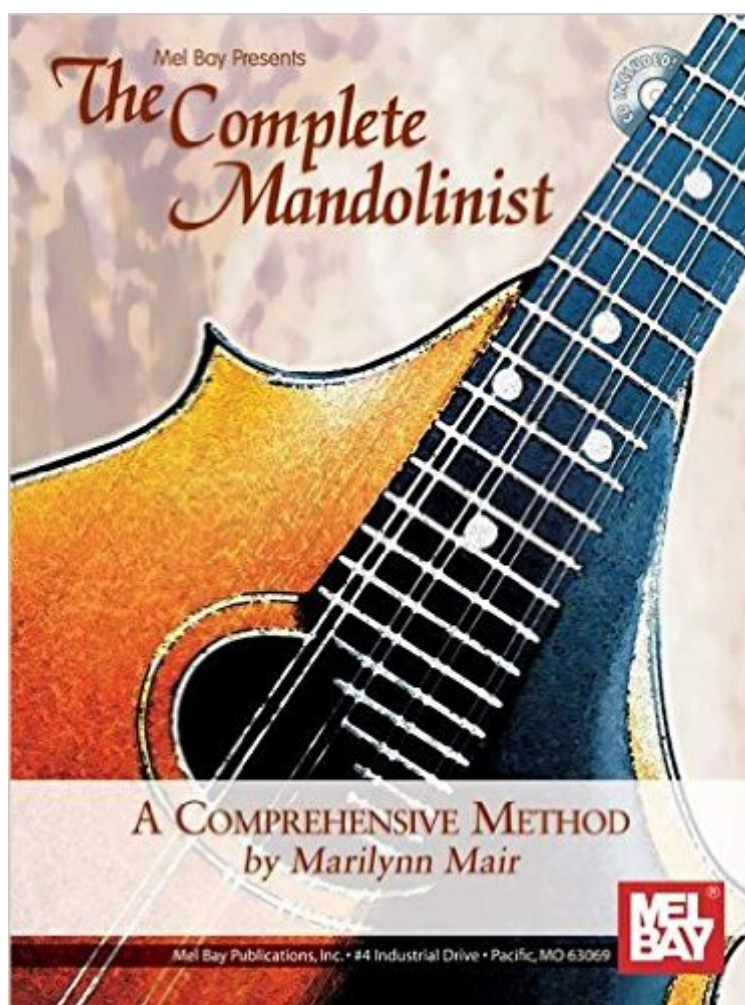


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# Complete Mandolinist



## Synopsis

The Complete Mandolinist is the most comprehensive American mandolin method to be published in nearly a century. Written by Marilyn Mair, internationally acclaimed mandolinist, recording artist and teacher for over two decades, this book presents a logical approach to mandolin technique that builds on the pioneering efforts of America's mandolin teachers of the early 20th century. Starting with a foundation in basic technique and music reading, the book progresses, in the course of its 224 pages, through scales, arpeggios, tremolo, position work, shifting, rhythm studies, picking techniques and duo-style, with carefully selected exercises and musical examples that range from fiddle tunes and Brazilian choro to Vivaldi concertos and Beethoven sonatinas. The method reflects the wealth of musical knowledge Marilyn has acquired over the course of her distinguished career, and she has compiled it here for you, to encourage the versatility and intelligent musicianship you will need to become a more complete mandolinist.

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Before buying this book i had been teaching myself mandolin for a bit over three months. I am an avid study, so i quickly played through all of the beginners books I had purchased and needed a challenging and comprehensive book which would take me to a respectable level. Mandolin is not my first instrument- I also play violin, piano, and trumpet, but during all my time playing those instruments i have not come across a book as well put together as "The Complete Mandolinist". This book makes scales fun and provides many, many exercises which make learning and

mastering scales feel like enjoyable music making, and covers left hand and right hand technique with equal care, going over picking patterns, finger positions, tremolo, ornamentation, chords, etc. If it is something you should know about playing, this book covers it. But what is best about this book is that it doesn't just "cover" material like it is crossing it off a list. It almost tricks you into improving technique and learning by offering so many songs and tunes which are tailored for exactly the skill being worked on. And coming in at over 200 pages, there is enough material that it doesn't get boring or repetitive- I have been playing the first fifty pages over and over every day since I got the book a week ago and I am still excited with the exercises- that is awesome! I have never been excited to play scales and really want to dominate them until this book. I really don't post reviews- I might rate something with stars, but written reviews are something I usually don't do. This book isn't usual in any way, however. If you want to learn the mandolin this book has something to teach you, and you will have a great time with it. It is that simple. just stop looking and get this book.

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