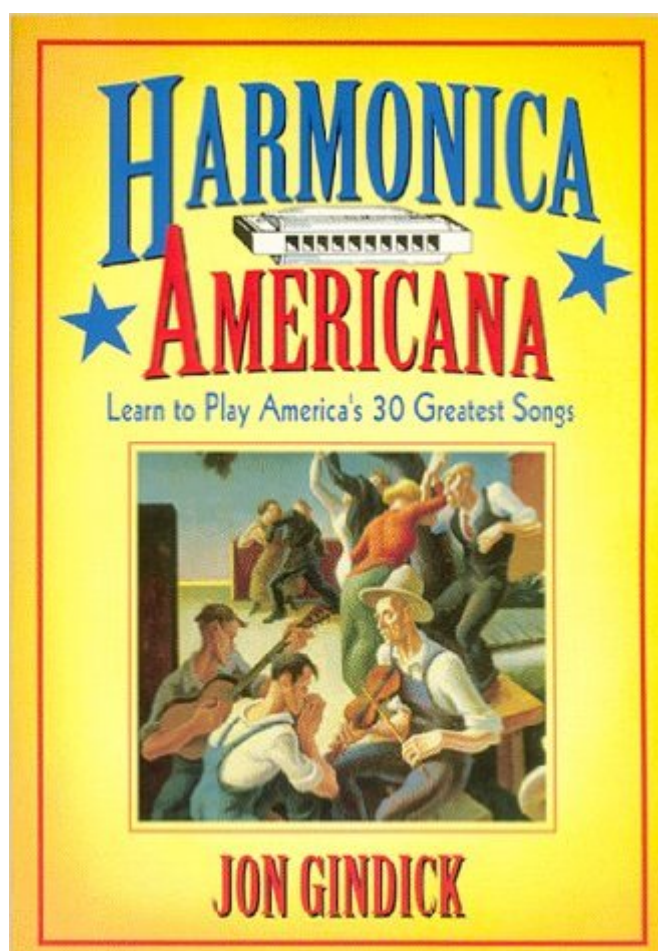


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# Harmonica Americana



## Synopsis

Learn to play America's 30 greatest songs, including a haunting Danny Boy, a blues-inspired America The Beautiful, and a side-splitting, lip-burning Turkey In The Straw. A compendium of harmonica lore including a special section on the blues.

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## Customer Reviews

I am relatively new to the harmonica (and music for that matter) I was looking for something to teach me not only how to play the basics but something that would provide me with the techniques to understand how experts do it. Harmonica Americana provided both... and then some. The book is well written in easy to understand language. There are several scores that go from basic to advanced and there are additional instructions to take even the most advanced pieces to a new level. I've read 4 other books on the subject and none even come close. If you are thinking of taking up the harmonica or if you are a long time player looking to improve... I highly recommend this book. It's an easy read that only takes a few hours but you'll undoubtedly keep referring to it for a long time to come.

If you are new to the harmonica and do not care for (or understand) a lot of theory, this is the book and CD to begin with and keep for future reference. I have tried several other books and CD's and got totally lost in the musical notes and theory. I keep coming back to Jon's publications.

I'm a real beginner... 77 years old and liberating my inner cowgirl! Have taken a few classes and watched a number of YouTube videos, but nothing comes close to helping as much as this book. First, it's a delight to read: well-written and interesting, with excellent drawings. But most important are the extremely clear directions and the author's sage advice. Highly recommended!

At my advanced age I decided to learn how to play a musical instrument a few months ago. In my search for the perfect music maker I purchased two Chinese Flutes (which I still cannot play), two Flutophones (which I can play a little), the song flute (which I also play a little), the recorder (just barely play), the kazoo (which is too easy to hum any tune) and finally the 4 harmonicas, which I have grown to love playing. I have bought and read numerous harmonica books in order to improve my skill. Some of these guides were okay, some were good, and this one (Harmonica America: Learn to play America's 30 greatest songs by Jon Gindick) is my favorite. The writing and lessons are easy to follow. The author has a "down home" writing style that makes you keep turning the pages. Each lesson is practical and effective. Even though I already could play most of the songs in this great guide, I still learned a lot of fantastic things about playing the harmonica. This 176 page text is organized into 6 parts. Part one the author explains the wonderful rich tradition and history of the harmonica or mouth organ. The second part covers basic information on purchasing a harmonica and how to play cowboy music. The third part explains how to blow and draw the harmonica. The fourth part goes into more detail on how to play the harmonica. The fifth part shows how to play the songs in this text. The final chapter gives important tips on how to bend notes and improve your harmonica skills. This excellent book also has tabs for playing thirty great American songs. In conclusion, whether you are a beginner or intermediate harmonica player, this is a book that you should consider in your personal library. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute).

This is a great working book to learn to play Harmonica for the Beginners ( i.e. me). The edition with the two CD's where you can hear the author play the harmonica and also sing the songs is really useful ( it's worth the extra cost!) as you can then hear what you want to sound like. Great book guys. Just work with it and you will feel the same. Also don't give up too soon, the exhilaration you get when you can get the harmonica to do your deed is worth all the agony. Good luck.

Uses practical techniques and suggestions to get the beginner started playing in no time. Much better

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