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# Basic Music Theory, 4th Edition: How To Read, Write, And Understand Written Music



How to Read, Write, and Understand Written Music Jonathan Harnum, PhD



## Synopsis

What do all those lines and squiggles and dots mean? Basic Music Theory takes you through the sometimes confusing world of written music with a clear, concise style that is at times funny and always friendly. The book is written by an experienced music teacher using methods refined over more than 30 years in schools and in his private teaching studio. Lessons are fun, well-paced, and enjoyable. Whether you're a beginner of any age, whether you're an experienced player who wants to bone up on your theory, or whether you teach music and need a fun way to do it, you'll find this book valuable and will refer to it again and again.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Perfect for anyone who wants to have a solid foundation and understanding of music. This book starts at the beginning with the history of music notation, and goes through rhythm, key signatures, modes, chords, inversions, conducting, etc.lt's really quite thorough while being concise.

Great review of music theory for me as I have a band and orchestra back ground of long ago. Having a lot of oh yeah's. The author in my opinion does it in a humorous way in places so it doesn't feel like you're studying music theory and is one of the few books on the subject a person can actually enjoy the subject while learning. I'm using this book in conjunction with two other practical practice style books to learn bass guitar. My hat's off to the author because if he set out to write the first book on music theory a person could actually read he succeeded. I guess that's why he has a doctorate and I do not. Highly recommended to learn theory or as in my case needed refresher. This is a wonderful book on music theory. I used it for first year piano studies. Easy to understand. Seller sent pretty quickly. You won't be disappointed with this purchase.

I have read this book over and over and each time learn something new. This is a great aid to even music teachers who already have a background in music theory and are looking at how to present the information to their students. Highly Recommended!

This book is great whether you have a little knowledge or a lot. The information is presented in a logical and helpful fashion and the author's sense of humor kept me smiling. This book makes music theory fun!

It is a very helpful book about How to read and write music! I had very little music theory knowledge and now I can read music, which is very helpful when I am learning guitar and piano! Thanks!

Love this book. Very basic, but geared to adults. Some of the content was familiar, but not the chapters pertaining to chords and scales. I originally purchased the Kindle version, but realized that this book would be more useful in the paper version because I could write notes more easily. Highly recommended.

I am using this to teach my children basic music theory. So far, we are loving it, after 4 chapters. The lessons are fairly short, manageable, and written in such a way that children with no other background in music than that their parents are music aficionados can understand. The order of presentation is also very logical. I wish I had had this when I was a child in piano lessons!

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