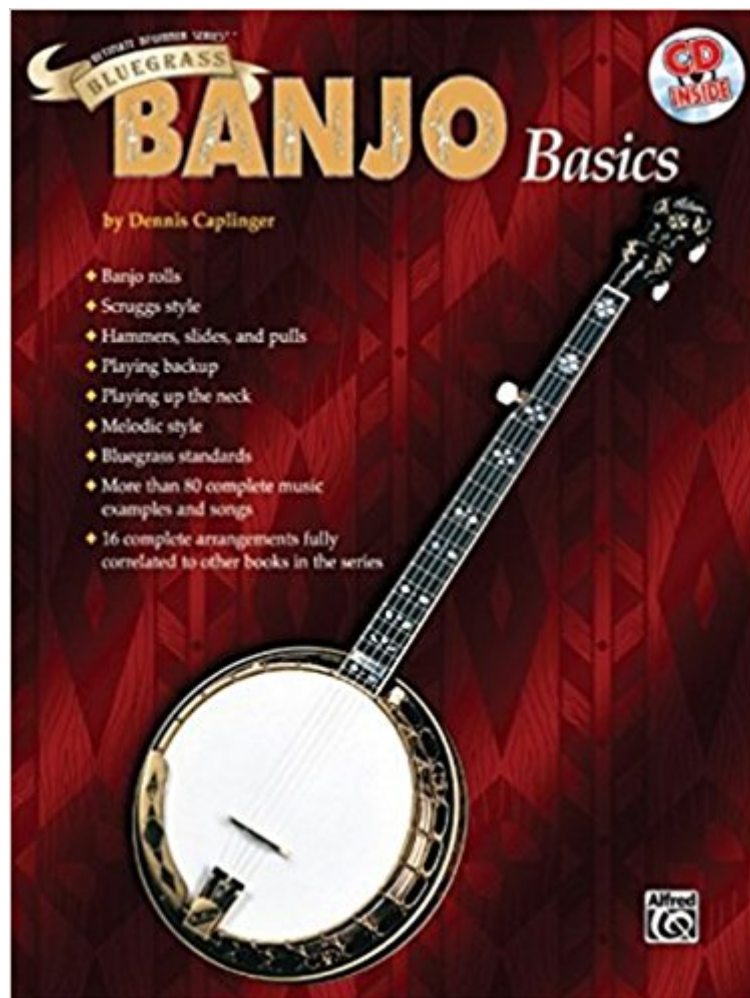




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# Ultimate Beginner Bluegrass Banjo Basics: Book & CD (The Ultimate Beginner Series)



## Synopsis

Beginning with basic left- and right-hand techniques, Dennis Caplinger guides you through developing great backup parts and playing all over the neck. You'll learn the classic Scruggs style of picking along with the "melodic style." Plus you'll study over 20 classic bluegrass standards, and you'll learn how to play them in several different styles. All books in the Ultimate Beginner Bluegrass Basics series are fully correlated to work together. This is the ideal method for the family that wants to play music together!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Hey!!! I learned Oh'Susanna in this book!

Was reviewing my style and fingering. Helped set me straight.

Easy to follow and understand, great CD enclosed to play along with, goes step by step to help improve technique - I have other books that are okay but don't include enough practical ideas - good seller too - book arrived faster than advertised !

I think this is likely to be useful, but it's too soon to tell. It starts out a bit more technical than I had hoped. I won't be proficient at the instrument for some time.

This is a clearly-written, practical book, especially helpful if you get the edition with the CD included. The many practice examples do not jump in difficulty too fast---a common flaw in instructional books. An important problem, however is the exclusion of the words to the songs! Oddly, not a single song has the lyrics included. Though most songs are common ones, with words available online, that adds much more work to find them and then fit them into the banjo arrangements at the right places (not easy). If you do play backup banjo at a bluegrass session, you will generally want the words to play along smoothly, if not to join in the singing, which is usually present. (Imagine a bluegrass concert with no words!)

Fantastic book! This is the book beginners should start with, many instructional books and cd's assume the beginner already knows quite a bit about song structure, back-up and so on but this one explains everything so simply and concisely. Its easy to follow from the very start, the songs are a must have collection of jam tunes for typical bluegrass sessions. They are all well thought out and cleverly arranged, keeping them simple making them very quick to learn. Designed to be used alongside the mandolin and guitar editions, a few beginners can work together and get these songs down with minimal grief! It'll have you playing whole songs in no time. I recommended the mandolin book to a friend and she loves it!

Fun book. Caplinger is a marvelous instructor.

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