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# Bach -- First Lessons In Bach (Alfred Masterwork Edition)



## Synopsis

Willard A. Palmer updates this popular volume by turn-of-the-century British educator, Walter Carroll. The easiest keyboard works of J. S. Bach and others are presented primarily as Carroll edited them, with complete fingering, tempo, dynamic, and articulation markings. Improvements over Carroll's edition include wider line spacing and the restoration of Bach's ornaments that were previously omitted.

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## Customer Reviews

I played piano for my entire childhood and adolescence, but gave it up over ten years ago now. I am trying to teach myself how to play again, and this book has been a great re-introduction. The songs are simple and accessible, but not "Mary had a little lamb" or "When the saints go marching in," which is what you'll find even in the Alfred's adult beginner books...I'd even venture to say that some of the songs are quite beautiful. That said, the level is a bit more advanced than the Alfred's beginner books, so if it's your first go-round with piano, I might still start there. I'm also trying to learn theory, and the simplicity of these songs makes them pretty easy to analyze - although the theory is not always that obvious for a beginner. I'd also recommend "Twenty Easy and Progressive Studies for the Piano", which is for a similar level, but the theory is more obvious, so you can go through and see why certain songs use certain notes. The songs aren't as nice, but they're still enjoyable to play and you don't feel like \*such\* an idiot when the downstairs neighbors hear you practicing. :)

I went through this book with my teacher, its easy to read and the pieces are not very hard. If you've been through the Alfred's book 1, this should present a little challenge but manageable. It was fun to play I would recommend this book to someone who would like an introduction to Bach.

I'm in my early twenties and have never had a formal lesson. I really wanted to get into the piano but, I was having a hard time practicing when all I had to look forward to were titles such as "Hot Cross Buns" and "When the Saints..." This book was very refreshing! I've only began on the first song "Minuet" but so far I'm in love and actually enjoy practicing the piano now.

This is a wonderful collection of easy pieces for a student, or just something you can pick up and home and play when you don't have a lot of time to practice.

I highly recommend this for anyone that wants to be introduced to Bach! I just finished the G Minor Menuet which is the second piece in the book. This a great introduction to Bach and it is especially useful because of the notions and explanations added to each piece by the editor. I plan to work my way through this book with my teacher. I'd recommend it for anyone with 1-2 years of piano experience. The pieces will be challenging but not overwhelming.

Good job in presenting simple Bach tunes. Playable and good size print and format.

This is a great book for all beginner piano students. The easy classical favorites are a great way to introduce classical piano to young musicians.

Bach is very good to perfect piano technique playing. This version is simple to understand and learn to play. BUY IT!

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