

## Piano K Play The Self Teaching Piano Game For Kids Level 1

The suspenseful, emotionally resonant, and utterly compelling story of what brings an enigmatic French woman to a small Canadian town in the 1930s, a woman who has found depths of strength in dark times and comes to discover sanctuary at last. For readers of *The Imposter Bride*, *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay, and *The Red Violin*. Helene Giroux arrives alone in St. Homais on a winter day. She wears good city clothes and drives an elegant car, and everything she owns is in a small trunk in the back seat. In the local church she finds a fine old piano, a Molnar, and she knows just how fine it is, for her family had manufactured these pianos before the Great War. Then her mother's death and war forces her to abandon her former life. The story moves back and forth in time as Helene, settling into a simple life, playing the piano for church choir, recalls the extraordinary events that brought her to this place. They include the early loss of her soldier husband and the reappearance of an old suitor who rescues her and her daughter, when she is most desperate; the journeys that very few women of her time could even imagine, into the forests of Indochina in search of ancient treasures and finally, and fatefully, to the Canadian north. When the town policeman confronts her, past and present suddenly converge and she must face an episode that she had thought had been left behind forever.

Progressive COMPLETE LEARN TO PLAY PIANO Manual is the ultimate Piano manual. It assumes you have no prior knowledge of music or playing the Piano and will take you from beginner to professional level. In the course of the book you will learn all the essential techniques of piano playing, as well as how to read music and understand music theory up to an advanced level. You will also learn many well known pieces and songs and get a great introduction to many styles of music, including Rock, Blues, Jazz, Funk, Gospel, Folk and Classical. Includes 2 CD's with all the lessons in the book.

for piano This book contains the piano accompaniments for Viola Time Sprinters. Characterful and easy to play, these piano parts provide stylish accompaniments to the viola melodies, and help capture the spirit of the pieces. Essential for teachers and musical parents, these books will help motivate all young violists as they learn to play.

(Educational Piano Library). This handy reference for beginning students clearly shows the note names and the note positions on the treble and bass clefs. The front of the guide fits behind all 88 keys of any piano, and the back of the guide is a practice keyboard.

New Unique Book for 2015 contains 179 A4 pages of Quality Information. As the name suggests, this book has been written for the absolute beginner and assumes no prior musical knowledge - just the desire to do it! You will not be disappointed with this superb new book which is probably the easiest and most user friendly book of its sort available! Items covered include:

The Beginner Guitar Lessons for Kids Book with Online Video & Audio access by Jay Wamsted is designed to help the absolute beginning student learn to play the guitar. This step-by-step course is designed for elementary school-aged children (ages 5-11) and quickly teaches the student to play songs they will know and love. This method includes online access to video instruction that will help the child play with proper form and timing. The video shows the guitar, both hands, and the sheet music on-screen at the same time. The audio tracks allow the student to practice and play along with easy songs. The combination of book, video, and audio make this the easiest to understand guitar course for kids available.

Now you can master Bach's most beautiful prelude—even if you've never sat down at a piano before! Do you have a piano (or keyboard) and forty-five spare minutes every day? Then spend the next six weeks with acclaimed concert pianist James Rhodes. By the end, you'll be

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able to perform Bach's Prelude No. 1 in C major—no prior musical experience required! Rhodes reveals How to Play the Piano step by step—how to read the treble and bass clefs as well as sharp and flat notes, and then how to practice—before teaching the Prelude in easy, bite-size segments. His method is free of tedious drills, and filled with inspiration: "If listening to music is soothing for the soul, then playing music is achieving enlightenment." Before you know it, not only will you have learned how to play one of Bach's most beloved masterpieces—you also will have unleashed your creativity, exercising your mind (and fingers) and accomplishing something you never thought possible. Bravo! Includes four instructional videos supported by select e-reader devices.

New from Amazon #1 best-selling music author Ben Parker ! This book is the perfect introduction to the piano for kids of all ages! Kids can easily follow the clear and simple diagrams and photos to learn their first notes, play fun tunes and gain confidence playing their first piano! \* Easy to follow instructions and illustrations \* Simple exercises to follow and practice \* Learn at their own pace \* Fun and easy songs and tunes to play \* Learn how to read and understand music notes and symbols \* Tons of tips and playing techniques Simply follow the lessons in the book and kids will be playing piano in no time! Ben Parker is an established professional musician, songwriter and producer with over 10 years of musical teaching experience. His best-selling series of music tuition books for adults and children include Banjo, Ukulele, Guitar, Piano and Keyboard.

Piano Lessons for Kids: Self-paced Instruction for Young Beginners, with Audio and Video Instruction. Ideal for kids ages 5-9, but great for younger and older kids; corresponds with Level A in the Thinking Tree and Dyslexia Games series, and Primer A in piano method books. Want piano lessons for the kiddos? At home? Without the drive? At a fraction of the price of private lessons? Piano Lessons for Kids is the inventive book that unleashes a student's imagination and love for music! This self-paced, 168-page book spans a semester or a school year, depending how often you visit the subject - once or multiple times in a week. Adults need no prior musical training and are encouraged to learn right along with their kids. The audio/video materials make this possible. Students will learn not just to read notes, but also to hear music, compose, and tell a story with the piano - all with songs they really want to play. Separating it from other method books and online programs. This book - with essential audio/video instruction - solves the problem of having to purchase separate books for note reading, music theory, listening skills, and composing - it's all here, in one book. The instruction incorporates the hand shape and technique that classical pianists use, as your child learns familiar songs that everyone loves: Happy Birthday, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Ode to Joy, Minuet in G, Jingle Bells, Joy to the World, Mary Had a Little Lamb, Old MacDonald and more. Make use of PLAY and CREATIVITY, but most importantly a SEQUENCED LEARNING MAP to develop musicality and a solid hand technique, with influences from Kodaly, Orff, Takadimi, Suzuki, Gordon, Paul Wirth's Gravity Technique and Irina Gorin's Russian/Ukrainian finger-numbering system. Music Learning Map: Hear, Move, Speak, Sing, Tap, Play, Read, Write (With Improvising and Composing throughout) This is THE book to help your child begin to learn music. Excellent for all students, especially creative, struggling, and/or reluctant learners. Students

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with ADHD, Dyslexia, Asperger's and Autism especially thrive with this book - it utilizes the Open Dyslexia font to help with letter reversal and reading confusion. The comprehensive go-to guide for building keyboard skills Being able to play a tune on the piano can bring you a lifetime of sheer aesthetic pleasure and put you in serious demand at parties! Whatever your motivation for tinkling the ivories, the latest edition of Piano & Keyboard All-In-One For Dummies gives you the essentials you need both to build your playing skills and expand your knowledge of music theory, from deciding what keyboard suits you best to musing on the science of what makes music so emotionally compelling. This indispensable resource combines the best of Piano For Dummies, Keyboard For Dummies, Music Theory For Dummies, and Piano Exercises For Dummies and includes practice strategies, as well as access to streaming and downloadable audio to help guide your progress. In addition to becoming acquainted with the latest in music theory, you'll learn to develop your sight-reading skills and performance techniques until you can reproduce pieces flawlessly on request! Choose and care for your keyboard Practice until perfect Compose your own songs Hook up to speakers, computers, and more Learning to play the keys is a never-ending journey of new discoveries and joy, and there's no better companion on your voyage than this friendly, erudite, and comprehensive guide. P.S. If you think this book seems familiar, you're probably right. The Dummies team updated the cover and design to give the book a fresh feel, but the content is the same as the previous release of Piano and Keyboard AIO For Dummies (9781118837429). The book you see here shouldn't be considered a new or updated product. But if you're in the mood to learn something new, check out some of our other books. We're always writing about new topics!

This method provides solid training for beginners, from the youngest to the oldest, using easy ways to make quick progress without difficulties in understanding. To help with the teaching process, many colored pictures and graphics use the student's visual memory to get a strong and secure grasp of the basics uses. Students gain an understanding of the basic important theory using many coloured pictures to prompt their visual memory to help them understand and use it in their exercises in practice songs and to practice/test it in the workbook. Note-reading skills. The students are to say the names of the notes aloud and count them while they play the exercises on the piano. This makes students realize what notes they are playing, which is not easy. They don't learn it by memorising using the finger guide or by memorising the melody. Rather, they have to know the exact note names. They read notes from the very start. Each finger or a new note is individually and strongly developed using a lot of exercises for particular subjects from the beginning with a graduated, consistent method. Another strength is the introduction of ensemble playing from the very beginning. Beginner students have to play each exercise three times: say letter names while they play, count while they play, and play with a teacher. This is important for the teacher to help guide the student and to make sure that

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students understand the individual notes and already know how to play each exercise before they go home. When the students can read music, performing becomes a joy rather than a dreaded experience. In the workbook, which is included for each level you are going to confirm the notes and the theory/terminology you have learned during the lesson in three steps, which should be done in each lesson. Writing the notes, finding the notes on the staff/stave in different orders and playing the game "Noughts and Crosses" where students are drawing and explaining the symbols to help them remember it. After students have completed books A/B for four year olds, 1A/1B and 2A/2B, they are competent in music terminology and sight reading. They have a solid enough understanding to begin studying books of other composers; Classical or Christmas books at that particular level. Magic Piano book 1A begins by reviewing the same concepts taught in Magic Piano A/B for four year olds and also introduces new concepts for the left hand, with progression to book 1B. Using CD [http://www.amazon.com/Magic-piano-book-Lucia-Timkova/dp/B00N37Q0VU/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1420202341&sr=8-1&keywords=Magic+piano+book+accompaniments+A-B+Lucia+timkova](http://www.amazon.com/Magic-piano-book-Lucia-Timkova/dp/B00N37Q0VU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1420202341&sr=8-1&keywords=Magic+piano+book+accompaniments+A-B+Lucia+timkova) you can simulate the use of a metronome, and in a fun environment, train for use of a metronome, and have you, or your student play along with nice background music to the theme of the song! Definitely worth it when used with the designed book.

A fun and easy way to learn to play the piano or keyboard, with helpful instruction on classic and favorite songs. Written by the author of the best-selling Build It! series in collaboration with an experienced piano teacher, the Play It! books teaches how to play the piano or keyboard in a simple, effective way. Using color-coded notes and character icons, the books include piano sheets of popular and favorite songs as well as a primer on how to read sheet music and some basic techniques. For beginners ages 5 and up, Play It! is the perfect companion on your musical journey.

A notable contribution to our understanding of ourselves. This book explores the realm of human behavior in social situations and the way that we appear to others. Dr. Goffman uses the metaphor of theatrical performance as a framework. Each person in everyday social intercourse presents himself and his activity to others, attempts to guide and control the impressions they form of him, and employs certain techniques in order to sustain his performance, just as an actor presents a character to an audience. The discussions of these social techniques offered here are based upon detailed research and observation of social customs in many regions.

Josh Kaufman, bestselling author of The Personal MBA, is back with his new book, The First Twenty Hours, to teach readers how to learn anything... fast! 'Lots of books promise to change your life. This one actually will' -Seth Godin Pick up any new skill in just 20 hours... Want to learn to paint, play the piano, launch a business, fly a plane? Then pick up this book and set aside twenty hours to go from knowing nothing to performing like a pro. That's it. Josh

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Kaufman, author of international bestseller *The Personal MBA*, has developed this brilliant approach to mastering anything fast. You'll learn how to:

- Focus energy on acquiring key skill sets
- Eliminate obstacles and discover critical tools
- Create rapid feedback loops
- Work against the clock to get better fast

With examples ranging from writing a web program to learning an instrument to picking up windsurfing, Kaufman shows how to break complexity into simple tasks, make the very best of your limited time and solve unexpected problems. In *The First 20 Hours* you'll learn how to acquire any skill in record time - and have a lot of fun along the way. 'After reading this, you'll be ready to take on any number of skills and make progress on that big project you've been putting off for years' Chris Guillebeau, author of *The \$100 Startup*

Discover How to Get Lightning Fast Piano Scales With 5 Minutes a Day of Practice. You're about to discover how to learn and speed up your scales from scratch, the easy way. A lot of beginners simply practice their scales over and over, without realizing that's the slow way of learning. This book has all the specific strategies and tactics to practice more efficiently and get your scales up to speed fast. Want proof? Here's a video of me playing all 12 major scales: <http://youtu.be/Ow6BacGiKwQ> I used this exact method to get my scales fast and smooth. How does this work? Think back to school when you had to learn a long list of vocabulary words. The first time you learned them, you probably just repeated them over and over and over, and it took forever. Then eventually you figured out strategies to learn them faster. You used flashcards, or acronyms, or flowcharts, and you realized words that used to take you 4 hours to learn you could learn in 15 minutes! It's the same way with piano! If you have the right strategies, you can learn scales reallllly fast and:

- Captive Audiences
- Boost Your Technique
- Surprise Your Teacher
- Feel "At Home" On The Keyboard

There are also physical techniques that help you play faster. For example, the thumb-under section of the scale causes problems for a lot of people. The Quick-Thumb strategy in this book is specifically designed to overcome this problem. We'll also go over correct form, using the Over-Under wrist motion. If you aren't already using the Over-Under motion, you'll see immediate results in not only your scales but everything else you play. You'll become a "Piano Superhuman" and:

- Cut Down Your Practice Time
- Or... Practice More And 2x Your Results
- Master The Tricky "Thumb Under" Move
- Memorize Scales - Fast
- Eliminate the "Stuck" Feeling

This book will give you a simple, step-by-step training plan on exactly what to do every day to learn your scales. You'll start out with specific exercises in Phase 1, then move onto intermediate exercises in Phase 2, then finally advanced exercises in Phase 3. These phases give you a complete progression on how to learn piano scales fast, without frustration and anxiety. Why should you learn from me? I do have a degree in Music from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I don't think that's a good reason to learn from me. The only true test of a musician is how well they can play. If at any time you want to see what I'm capable on piano, you can listen to me on my YouTube channel:

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[www.youtube.com/keystroke3](http://www.youtube.com/keystroke3) I also have a passion for teaching piano, if you want to see the some of my lessons, you can go to my website:

[www.bestpianotips.com](http://www.bestpianotips.com) Here Is A Preview Of What You'll Learn... -The 3 Phases of Scale Development and What Phase You're In -the Quick-Thumb Technique to get a Smooth Thumb Under Transition -How To Develop a "Challenge Attitude" to Make Learning Scales Exciting -How Learning Scales Leads to a Technique Boost That Benifits Everything Else You Play -How to Use the Added Note Strategy for Rapid Scale Memorization -the Optimum Daily Practice Routine, Laid Out Step-by-Step -The 3 Golden Rules to Efficient Piano Practice -Using a Metronome the Right Way to Quickly Speed Up Your Scales From Slow to Fast -Much, much more! Get your copy today! Tags: piano exercises, piano for beginners, piano practice, piano lessons, piano instruction books, piano guide, piano practice, piano technique, piano books, piano lessons, piano lesson book, piano course, piano for dummies

Sure to become a hit with young musicians, this book features popular nursery songs starring kids' favorite Little People friends. With songs like "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "Mary Had a Little Lamb," and others, Let's Play Music will become a book to share with the whole family.

From the introduction: "There are free, streaming video lessons that coincide with the material presented in "Piano scales...."

This book offers a fresh look at how to learn chords on the piano. Made with the beginning piano player in mind, this book is perfect for the person desiring to learn and play their favorite song on the piano. For more information about our piano program, please view our tutorials on YouTube at [youtube.com/thepianochordbook](http://youtube.com/thepianochordbook)

Offers a step-by-step guide to mastering the piano and includes coverage of rhythms, chords, finger aerobics, and reading music.

(Amadeus). In this groundbreaking book, prize-winning pianist and noted educator William Westney helps readers discover their own path to the natural, transcendent fulfillment of making music. Drawing on experience, psychological insight, and wisdom ancient and modern, Westney shows how to trust yourself and set your own musicality free. He offers healthy alternatives for lifelong learning and suggests significant change in the way music is taught. For example, playing a wrong note can be constructive, useful, even enlightening. The creator of the acclaimed Un-Master Class workshop also explores the special potential of group work, outlining the basics of his revelatory workshop that has transformed the music experience for participants the world over. Practicing, in Westney's view, is a lively, honest, adventurous, and spiritually rewarding enterprise, and it can (and should) meet with daily success, which empowers us to grow even more. Teachers, professionals, and students of any instrument will benefit from this unique guide, which brings artistic vitality, freedom, and confidence within everyone's reach.

Mr Big is strong, Mr Big is tough, Mr Big is . . . well . . . BIG! He has just one small problem - because of the way he looks he just can't get people to stick around. How can he show them that although he may look a little scary, he is just a great big softy inside? With his trademark bold colour and masterful graphic simplicity, Ed Vere sensitively and humorously tackles the universal and current subject of inclusion, reminding the reader that to get to know someone you need to look beyond their exterior.

Preschoolers need to move, sing and explore. They need to PLAY. We know this, but it can be hard to make piano lessons fun while still being purposeful. I've been there and in this book,

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I've broken down the most effective teaching strategies for preschool piano as well as how to structure your lessons for maximum success.

Hidden in dense forests high in the Romanian mountains, where the winters were especially cold and long, were spruce trees that would be made into pianos: exquisite instruments famous for the warmth of their tone and beloved by the likes of Schumann and Liszt. One man alone knew how to choose them . . . The Weight of a Piano is a tour-de-force about two women and the piano that inexorably ties their lives together through time and across continents. In 1962, in the Soviet Union, eight-year-old Katya is bequeathed what will become the love of her life, a Blüthner piano built by a master piano-maker at the turn of the century in Germany. In 2012, in California, twenty-six-year-old Clara Lundy loses another boyfriend and again has to find a new apartment, a situation which is further complicated by the gift her father had given her for her twelfth birthday: a Blüthner piano. The mysterious—and tragic—connections between Katya and Clara unravel gradually yet thrillingly in Chris Cander's powerful novel about attraction, obsession, creative passion, love and loss.

The Really Big Really Easy Piano Songbook combines a huge selection of 150 songs from the entire Easy Piano series. Ranging from Justin Bieber to David Bowie to Mozart to Adele, this songbook is sure to satiate any beginner pianist and expand their repertoire ten-fold! This collection includes: - Ain't No Sunshine [Bill Withers] - All About You [McFly] - All Of Me [John Legend] - All Shook Up [Elvis Presley] - Angels [Robbie Williams] - Ave Maria [Schubert] - Baby [Justin Bieber] - Black Magic [Little Mix] - Blame It On Me [George Ezra] - Bridge Over Troubled Water [Simon & Garfunkel] - Can't Fight The Moonlight [Leann Rimes] - Can't Stop The Feeling [Justin Timberlake] - Changes [David Bowie] - Chasing Cars [Snow Patrol] - Chasing Pavements [Adele] - Diamonds are Forever [Shirley Bassey] - Does Your Mother Know [ABBA] - Don't Speak [No Doubt] - Eye Of The Tiger [Survivor] - Fly Me To The Moon [Frank Sinatra] - Georgia On My Mind [Ray Charles] - Goldfinger [Shirley Bassey] - Good Vibrations [The Beach Boys] - Greatest Day [Take That] - Happy [Pharrell Williams] - Ho Hey [The Lumineers] - Hold Back The River [James Bay] - Hopelessly Devoted To You (from Grease) - I Don't Want To Miss A Thing [Aerosmith] - I Think We're Alone Now [Tiffany] - I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me) [Whitney Houston] - If I Were A Boy [Beyoncé] - I'm Yours [Jason Mraz] - It Must Be Love [Madness] - The James Bond Theme - Let It Go (from Frozen) - Life On Mars? [David Bowie] - Live And Let Die [Paul McCartney & Wings] - Love Yourself [Justin Bieber] - Lush Life [Zara Larsson] - Man In The Mirror [Michael Jackson] - Next To Me [Emeli Sandé] - Nobody Does It Better (from The Spy Who Loved Me) - Paradise [Coldplay] - Put Your Records On [Corinne Bailey Rae] - The Ride Of The Valkyries [Richard Wagner] - Rocket Man [Elton John] - Rolling In The Deep [Adele] - Run [Leona Lewis] - Skinny [Love Birdy] - Somebody Told Me [The Killers] - Somewhere Only We Know [Lily Allen] - Songbird [Eva Cassidy] - Sweet Dreams (Are Made Of This) [Eurythmics] - Under Pressure [Queen & David Bowie] - Uptown funk! [Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars] - Waterloo [ABBA] - Waterloo Sunset [The Kinks] - We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together [Taylor Swift] - What A Wonderful World [Louis Armstrong] - What Makes You Beautiful [One Direction] - Wrecking Ball [Miley Cyrus] - You've Got A Friend In Me (from Toy Story) And many more...

### Beginner Piano/Keyboard Instruction

T. E. Carhart, an American living in Paris, is intrigued by a piano repair shop hidden down a street near his apartment. When he finally gains admittance to the secretive world of the atelier, he finds himself in an enormous glass-roofed workshop filled with dozens of pianos. His love affair with this most magical of instruments and its music is reawakened. Packed with delicate cameos of Parisians and reflections on how pianos work and their glorious history, The

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Piano Shop on the Left Bank is an atmospheric and absorbing journey to an older way of life.

Provides a basic introduction to playing keyboards. The compact disc contains backup tracks that allow you to play along.

### Piano/Keyboard Methods/Series

This interactive book and streaming video course is all that kids will ever need for getting started playing the most famous and cherished piano classics and having fun learning piano! Piano Professor Damon Ferrante provides children a complete foundation in the study of the piano. Its easy, colorful, and upbeat learning style enables the young beginner student to think, feel, and develop musically. Learn play the piano and read music through playing famous and beautiful songs and pieces. Along the way, there are jokes, illustrations, and characters that make learning exciting and engaging. No Music Reading Required. Learn how to read music with this book! Based on over twenty-five years of piano teaching experience, Damon Ferrante's piano books are used by thousands of piano students and teachers. Piano Book for Kids 5 & Up will greatly improve your child's piano technique, song repertoire, creativity, and understanding of music. The following great music is covered in this book and streaming video course: \* Ode to Joy by Beethoven \* Amazing Grace \* Happy Birthday \* Jingle Bells \* Yankee Doodle \* When the Saints Go Marching In \* Scarborough Fair \* Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star \* Mary had a Little Lamb \* Take Me Out to the Ballgame \* Michael, Row the Boat Ashore \* House of the Rising Sun \* This Little Light of Mine \* Home on the Range \* Shenandoah \* And Many More Great Songs and Pieces! Scroll up to get your copy today!

Teaching preschool piano students is rewarding but it can be a challenge to keep those little ones engaged and making progress. The Ultimate Preschool Piano Activities Book is a must-have for teachers who teach the piano to preschool students. The book covers: how to determine when children are ready to begin lessons, which skills preschool piano students can and should be learning, how to set up your studio for young students, how to handle behavioral issues and much more. The Ultimate Preschool Piano Activities Book gives teachers complete instructions on how to make and use dozens of games and off-the-bench activities that are perfect for private or group piano lessons. In addition, this book teaches teachers how to use their own ideas to create games and activities for their students. The Ultimate Preschool Piano Activities Book has everything piano teachers need to conduct fun, stress-free lessons and ensure that preschool students and their parents will be excited and delighted!

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and winner of the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, this modern American classic is about family, and the legacy of slavery in America. August Wilson has already given the American theater such spell-binding plays about the black experience in 20th-century America as Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, and the Pulitzer Prize-winning Fences. In his second Pulitzer Prize-winner, The Piano

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Lesson, Wilson has fashioned perhaps his most haunting and dramatic work. At the heart of the play stands the ornately carved upright piano which, as the Charles family's prized, hard-won possession, has been gathering dust in the parlor of Berniece Charles's Pittsburgh home. When Boy Willie, Berniece's exuberant brother, bursts into her life with his dream of buying the same Mississippi land that his family had worked as slaves, he plans to sell their antique piano for the hard cash he needs to stake his future. But Berniece refuses to sell, clinging to the piano as a reminder of the history that is their family legacy. This dilemma is the real "piano lesson," reminding us that blacks are often deprived both of the symbols of their past and of opportunity in the present.

A legendary literary figure who initiated a one-man Beat Generation in his native Germany, Wolf Wondratschek "is eccentric, monomaniacal, romantic—his texts are imbued with a wonderful, reckless nonchalance" (Patrick Süskind). Now, he tells a story of a man looking back on his life in an honest portrait of the artist as an old man. Vienna is an uncanny, magical, and sometimes brutally alienating city. The past lives on in the cafés where lost souls come to kill time and hash over the bygone glories of the twentieth century—or maybe just a recent love affair. In one of these cafés, our anonymous narrator meets a strange character, "like someone out of a novel": a decrepit old Russian named Suvorin. A Soviet pianist of international renown, Suvorin committed career suicide when he developed a violent distaste for the sound of applause. This eccentric gentleman—sometimes charming, sometimes sulky, sometimes disconcertingly frank—knows the end of his life is approaching, and allows himself to be convinced to tell his life story. Over a series of coffee dates, punctuated by confessions, anecdotes, and rages—and by the narrator's schemes to keep his quarry talking—a strained friendship develops between the two men, and it soon becomes difficult to tell who is more dependent on the other. Rhapsodic and melancholic, with shades of Vladimir Nabokov, W. G. Sebald, Hans Keilson, and Thomas Bernhard, Wolf Wondratschek's *Self-Portrait with Russian Piano* is a literary sonata circling the eternal question of whether beauty, music, and passion are worth the sacrifices some people are compelled to make for them. "A romantic in a madhouse. To let Wondratschek's voice be drowned in the babble of today's literature would be a colossal mistake." —Patrick Süskind, internationally bestselling author of *Perfume: The Story of a Murderer*

A carefully graded lesson by lesson method for the younger student, using very easy arrangements of over 20 favorite children's songs. Introduces five notes on each hand using the white notes only. Beautifully illustrated throughout in full color. Includes a matching CD & DVD covering all the lessons in the book.

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Download play-along audio tracks at [knackbooks.com/piano](http://knackbooks.com/piano). Knack Piano for Everyone is a self-instruction book for beginners to intermediates, fully illustrated with full-color

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photographs and musical notation. The book will teach readers everything a beginner should know about the instrument itself—the parts, different kinds of pianos, care for pianos—and then provide the basics of reading piano music and playing. Download play-along audio tracks at [knackbooks.com/piano](http://knackbooks.com/piano). The book will include:

- \* An explanation of how the piano works.
- \* An exploration of the instrument, sitting correctly, playing all over the keyboard on the black keys.
- \* Finding familiar tunes on the piano.
- \* Music notation, where it comes from, directions (up and down) on the keyboard and on the music page.

Lessons will be geared toward achievable results for the reader without any prior knowledge of music, but also contain sidebars on various styles and techniques for the more advanced reader. By the end of the book, the reader will be able to play some basic songs, including some that will be provided in the Appendix. My Piano Book is the core 'playing' book featuring four-color illustrations. It includes ear-training patterns.

Continuing the incredible popularity of Alfred's Basic Adult Piano Course, this new book adapts the same friendly and informative style for adults who wish to teach themselves. With the study guide pages that have been added to introduce the music, it's almost like having a piano teacher beside you as you learn the skills needed to perform popular and familiar music. There are also five bonus pieces: At Last \* Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas \* Laura \* Over the Rainbow \* Singin' in the Rain. Included is a recording containing the piano part and an engaging arrangement for each of the 65 musical examples. 192 pages.

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