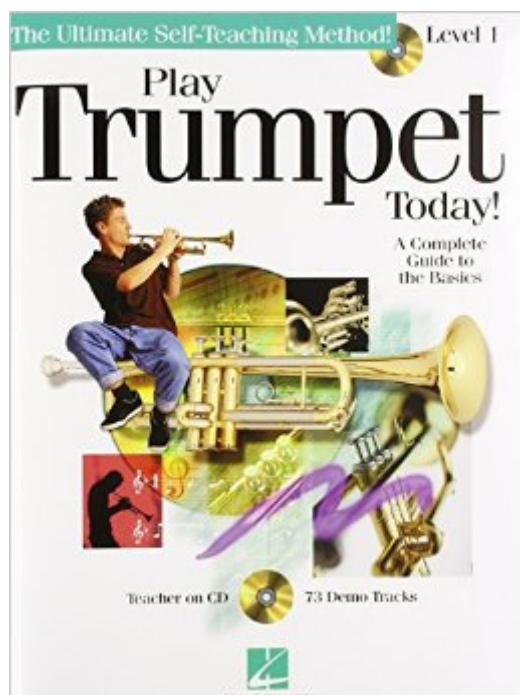


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# Play Trumpet Today! Beginner's Pack: Book/CD/DVD Pack (Play Today Instructional Series)



## Synopsis

(Play Today Instructional Series). The ultimate self-teaching method designed to offer quality instruction, terrific songs, a professional-quality CD with 73 full-demo tracks, and a 25-minute DVD. This series can be used by students of all ages who want to teach themselves, or by teachers for private or group instruction. Simply follow the tips and lessons in the book as you listen to the teacher on the CD or watch the DVD. This great package is a complete guide to the basics, including: how to assemble and care for your instrument, producing a sound, reading music notation and rhythms, fingering chart, glossary of musical terms, and more! The music included lets you play the songs with a professional backup band so learning and practicing are cooler than ever!

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## Customer Reviews

I hadn't played a trumpet for over sixty years. So, I didn't think I could pick up a horn and start where I left off. Instead, I made the wise decision to purchase this package. The DVD was perfect in getting me started again. I didn't play the CD, which follows each exercise, using a CD player. I brought the CD into iTunes, which made using it very easy. I'm now up to Track 43 and, while I still have a long way to go for an eighty-year-old, I feel I'm getting there one day at a time. Highly recommended (and worth the small amount is asking).

This book starts with the bare necessities. Every couple of lessons shows a new note and technique. It's easy to understand. The DVD that came with it shows how to hold the trumpet and

what it should sound like. I learned enough that I figured out how to play other songs. I taught myself to play the Wallace and Gromit theme song. I'm eleven years old.

My son who is 9 is teaching himself to play the trumpet off of this book. So far, so good! Definitely impressed! The DVD isn't very long but it sets a good foundation. Supplementing the DVD and book with YouTube videos works well too.

It's an O.K. product, but the Title is misleading. Unless you are an Intermediate at a minimum, there's a lot missing. The premise of the packet is that the discs will lead you to self teaching, but some basic training is, first, required. Also the student must have a good ear for 'pitch.' The discs, basically, use a piano accompaniment. There is no trumpet sound to imitate, so a beginner is lost in the woods without a compass. I'm sure that once the student can run a scale without 'hunting and pecking' the studies will be beneficial. Additionally, I have not found any definitive Care and Maintenance instructions, herein, except for a cursory statement as to a need for such. Well, 'How To' would be nice! I found the best bet for that is "To Google It," Care and Maintenance, that is. Search the links - a couple are to the point and, verbally, lend some great tips. Back to the product - What it contains is priced right and after the student gains some confidence, the practice studies will make he/she (one or the other, or 'What the Hell' - both) a better player down the road. I think that it is that I expected more from the Hal Leonard stable of music and instructions.

It's not terrible. My complaint is that it really glosses over things quickly and just keeps throwing new songs at you. The hardest part of playing a trumpet well is the blowing and this book, and even the DVD, do not do a great job of explaining how to do this. Once past the initial stages of learning how to just blow and learning the notes the book has a fine collection of songs. For kids.

Okay, you get what you pay for and this didn't cost me much. Funny thing is the quality would have shot up exponentially as far as I'm concerned had the instructor on the DVD just gone through the practice 'follow along' by going through the simple drill 3 times instead of just twice. Crazy.. The makers of the DVD can argue and defend their stance any which way they choose, but the fact remains extremely simple and in the making of the DVD, 3 times. Not just twice. It's practically a standard. They screwed up. I otherwise learned quite a bit from this, but it was AGGRAVATING to me the way the material was presented. I could ALMOST give this 5 Stars for beginners, but the instructor and DVD makers rushed through the thing. Crazy, but that's just how it is.

Got this book and a trumpet for Christmas. I have never before even held a trumpet in my hands, but I really want to learn how to play. With work I don't have time to get lessons, so I was apprehensive I wouldn't be able to even make a sound, will get bored and the trumpet will stay in its case until forgotten. For me, as an absolute beginner, this book is great. Very easy to follow, starts with the easiest notes and then goes step by step into more difficult ones. I really like that there is a simple song to play each time after you learn a new note. This is also the first time I found the CD and DVD both very helpful. In just over a week I can now manage to play a few songs. Most importantly, I get bored of things very quickly if they get tedious, which I can't see happening with the way this book is written.

I bought this method for my eleven year old son, who is learning trumpet as his third instrument. I like the selection of songs and the easy pace of the book. Also, the video isn't bad, but disappointing from the fact that the video and CD both primarily cover only the first few pages in the book.

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