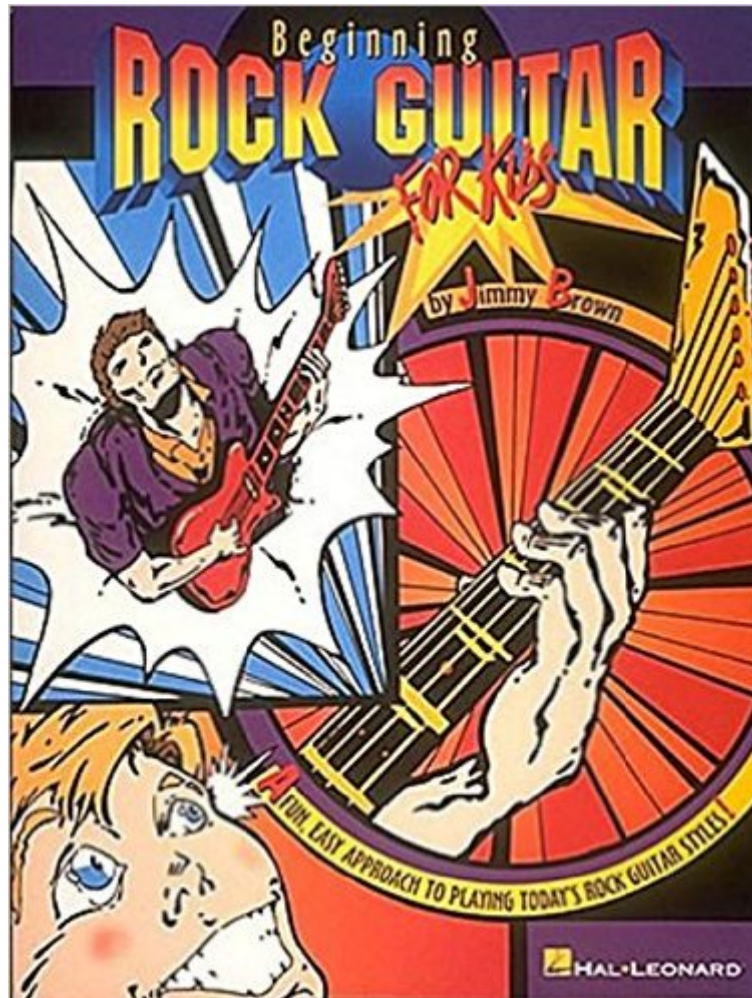


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# Beginning Rock Guitar For Kids



## Synopsis

(Guitar). Here's a book geared specifically to the needs of younger beginners. From picking up the guitar for the first time to power chords to easy blues solos, it's all here, and it's all written in an easy-to-understand style for kids ages 10-14.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 11 - 14 years

Grade Level: 6 - 9

## Customer Reviews

I spent about \$80 on instructional videos and books to learn how to play guitar, this book is the only one that would recommend to others. Every other "beginners" book had me trying three finger cords and progressions from the start. Frustration! This book has you playing riffs from modern rock songs string by string, one or two finger chords - you will actually playing music that sound cool, not Kindergarten sing-a-long crap. EVERY instructional for beginners should start this way. Highly recommended.

I have a friend in New Jersey whose daughter took lessons from Jimmy Brown for years and he is a great teacher and a great player, but that's not why I bought the book. I bought it because I have a daughter who is 5 and wants to rock out and there are not a lot of rock books that a 5 year old can enjoy learning from. I'm a skeptic and approached this book without bias, but have been pleasantly surprised at just how good this book/cd is. I suggest getting the edition with CD included. When my

daughter started Suzuki Method classical guitar I also started guitar with her. Whether 5, 15 or 50, this book/cd is an excellent starter for learning the basics of rock guitar. I would love to see an edition with DVD as well. Hopefully there will be a part 2 which could include popular rock songs that utilize the techniques that are presented in the first book. That being said, it's a great introduction to rock playing. It includes basics of how to hold a pick, how to read TAB, how to tune, power chords, simple riffs, palm muting, accents, power chord extensions, 12 bar blues, lead playing and jamming. He introduces the student to all these techniques in simple easy to understand language with excellent exercises that are demonstrated on the accompanying cd. It's 36 pages of stuff you have to know. He takes you straight into playing rock guitar. Most kid methods have you playing "Yankie Doodle" or "Home On The Range" with either strumming or single note leads. Ain't no "Yankie Doodle" here. Just Rockin' in the style your kids hear on the radio. I'd love to see a part 2 but even without it, this is all necessary stuff and kids (big and small) can start rocking immediately.

i have been playing guitar for over 30 years and have started to teach my daughters, ages 7 and 8, how to play. this book is very simply and clearly written, the best intro book i've seen. adults would enjoy this as much as kids, especially if you have zero experience with the guitar. get this book first, and after you're finished consider moving on to another slightly more complicated beginner book such as "kids guitar course book 1" or similar.

Forty pages? Technically, yes, honestly? Several cheap photos of the guitarist ala 1970 Cheetos commercial fill out the pages. Not helpful photos of left and right hand positions, just silly shots. The few photos that are intended to illustrate are not clear. For example the before and after of how to hold a pick is ridiculous. A before shot? Really? The actual shot that would be useful has the camera in the wrong position. There is no music instruction here. No songs. Only power chords, which are not even technically chords. What the kid is supposed to come away with is vague. Give some rhythms, some chord changes, some actual chords, if not actual songs. Save your money. What is of use here in forty pages is covered in a page or three in many other texts. Don't be seduced by the cover. This book is not rock and roll.

I'm really glad I got this book. I'm an absolute beginner, just got an electric guitar and I wanted something that would be fun to get me started. I'm not a kid but I don't think that matters for this book. The book is thin and there isn't a lot of crucial information in it, for example, no open chords.

But somehow it's been incredibly useful to me for my first couple of weeks. On one of the first pages they give you a simple method for tuning your guitar and show you how to hold a pick. No music theory or anything like that. Then the rest of the book has some simple exercises that teach you how to play a few simple notes rhythmically. It goes over very simple power chords next and some really easy riffs. Even though I've graduated to a book with more content, I still use this book every day. It takes me about 10 minutes now to do all of the exercises as a warm up. I also think the songbook that is part of this series is a ton of fun! Get this book if you want your fingers to get used to touching your guitar competently before seeking out lessons. This is the basic stuff that you can teach yourself with the help of this book.

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