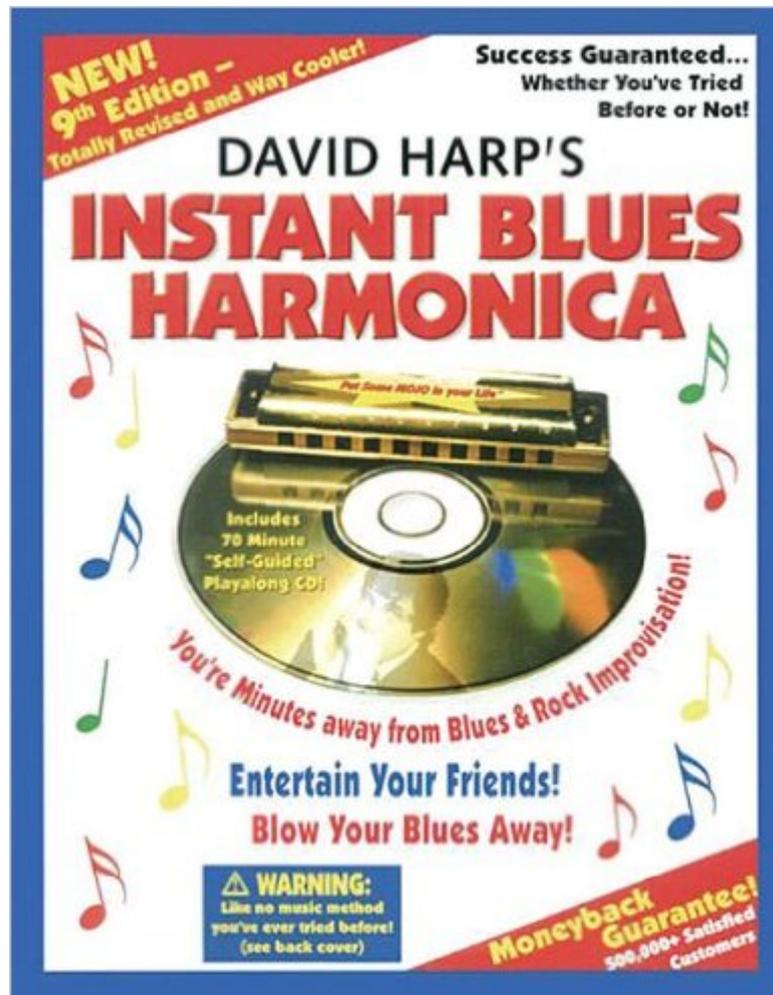


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# Instant Blues Harmonica (Book & CD)



## Synopsis

David Harp has taught thousands to play the harmonica, and in this revised edition with 30 percent new material, he makes it even easier. An illustrated instruction book, a CD of play-along music, and a "Mojo Deluxe" harmonica encourage would-be wailers to play the blues.

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## Customer Reviews

I have been playing with learning harmonica for a while now, but received this book as a present from my in-laws (who were probably tired of hearing "Camptown Races" and "Red River Valley" endlessly). What a treat. David Harp's instruction is super easy, and starts off with foregoing single notes. He gets you started on music, and then when you're having fun (and more interested in practicing), he hits you with more advanced techniques. I don't mind the Bending Notes book being plugged - there's only so much you pack into a beginners book. If you're thinking about trying the harmonica, I can't recommend this one highly enough.. :)

If you're ready to pick up a harmonica and a book to play today, I highly recommend David Harp's Instant Blues Harmonica. It teaches the basics of harmonica improvisation quickly and easily. Pop that CD in, and you'll be playing in minutes. Literally! It's very fun and VERY easy! I think ANYBODY can learn to play with this book/cd. It opened the door to musical instruments for my non-musical husband. For a more in-depth study, check out The Complete Idiot's Guide to Playing the Harmonica. It covers every possible aspect of learning to play the harmonica, including how to read

music and advanced techniques of play, such as bending. This book is useful in learning how to translate written music to a harmonica, and learning how to incorporate harmonica into a band or group. David Harp will get you started playing immediately. Then, if you're interested in continuing your education, check out the Idiot's Guide.

I bought this last year, and although I'm reasonably musically inclined (I have played a musical instrument for over 25 years), this was very helpful to learn the basics of harmonica playing. I would have appreciated some instruction on bending notes, which he says is offered in the next manual (a bummer, because it's a reasonably shameless ploy to get people to buy the next one). Also, I would have liked more popular tunes sketched out -- most of the stuff he does is really for using the harmonica for secondary music (like harmony) rather than to play the melodies.

Want to play harmonica? Buy a Hohner Special 20 harmonica in the key of C and this book. You'll be playing in a few minutes. Nothing fancy at first, but soon you be sliding, tooting and having a ball! He develops a few rhythm patterns, shows you some variations on them, and then has you play them in the 12 bar blues structure. All I need is a neck holder for the harmonica (just ordered) and I can play the guitar and accompany myself on the harmonica! KEWL! Mr. Harp also publishes several other books listed at the end of this book. I bought another one and have just ordered the ones for bending and country music. Be sure to get the CD's with the books. For less than \$100 total, I have added the harmonica to our band. Folsom Prison Blues now has a train and whistle introduction before you hear the words "I hear that train a comin".... We also incorporated one verse harmonica solos into our songs, e.g, Amazing Grace, May the Circle Be Unbroken, and Danny Boy. It really spiced up our sound. Thank you Mr Harp!

I'm a beginner, I never played the harmonica before buying this package. You really will be playing the harmonica in minutes. What a great, fast, easy and fun way to learn to play the harmonica. After 70 minutes or however long this CD is you won't be John Popper but you will definitely be playing some basic tunes and have a good start to becoming a pro. You get a CD, book, and a harmonica for a great price. I highly recommend this starter set.

For anyone who thinks you can't learn to make music in an hour or less, you gotta try this book and CD! Applying a series of very simple breathing patterns--with names like Chicago and Boogie Woogie--you can make MUSIC on the harmonica in only a few minutes. In the first few lessons,

David Harp takes baby steps through a series short lessons (none is more than three minutes long) which cover beginning blues, folk and "classical" ideas. In the second half, he covers application of the earlier blues lessons, gives a little explanation of the blues scale, presents you with a simplified blues scale and few tricks. The last few tracks are "jam" tracks so you can test out your new chops. Of course he doesn't get into bending in this introductory course, but for less than \$15 it's a GREAT way to start! I use the CD in my car and play along on my commute. It's perfect!

I am a musician and play several instruments ..I am not forty eight years old an always wanted to learn the harmonica...decided now was the time ...this book is very easy to follow and understand and will have you playing in no time..teaches you all the basics you need to know ..the rest is up to you..you need to practice alot to get good just like any other instrument...great book for getting started

Good sound and good value. Easy to follow, great beginner and intermediate tool. I was pleasantly suprised to find a harmonica in a case included taped to the book. I keep that extra one in the car to practice with the CD. David Harp makes it easy to learn.

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