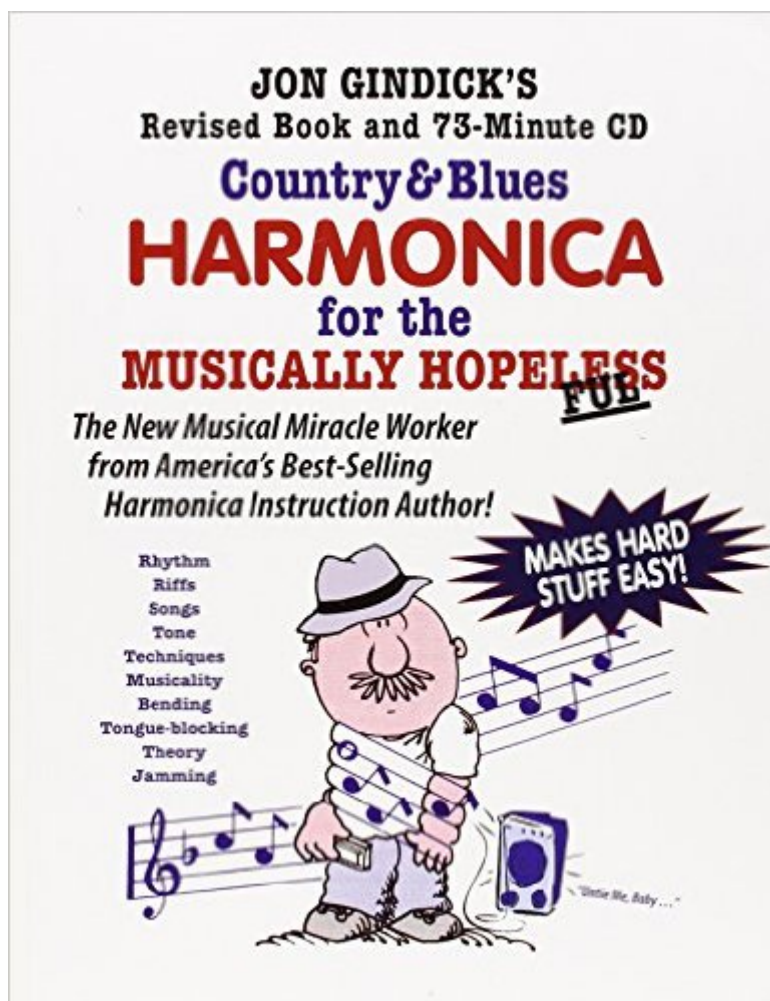


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# Country & Blues Harmonica For The Musically Hopeless: Revised Book And 73-Minute CD



## Synopsis

(Music Sales America). In this 2011 revision of the best-selling harmonica book and CD, Jon Gindick continues his fun-loving jam-with-me teaching style. He also shares secrets of the blues harp learned as an author, player and instructor. Step by step, you'll learn the essential blues techniques, from bending to tongue-blocking, to playing train whistles and chugs, and songs both easy and hard, and learn how to put it all together to jam with bands.

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## Customer Reviews

I got the first version of this book when I was 12 years old (1988). "Country and Blues Harmonica for the Musically Hopeless" was the foundation of my musical life. Because of that jumping-off point, I've made many friends and had many wonderful experiences because I play the harmonica. Jon has a wonderful way of making harmonica playing and music in general accessible to the average person. I'm a product of his method, and I've seen the effect he has on beginners of all ages. Not everyone can just jump into playing music. Jon's teaching gets folks started with low stress and much fun. If you've ever thought, "hey, I should take the harmonica out of the drawer and give it a shot" then this book is a great place to start. Dan Gage (12gagedan on YouTube)

I picked this book straight from the man himself! This was one of my first ventures into playing harmonica, and it's fun, accessible, and powerfully effective. While I've been a musician and understand how to read music and some music theory, you don't need ANY of that to pick up the

harmonica and start jamming! I've used other books and videos by Jon Gindick, and I recommend it for anyone who wants to experience a true blues-playing experience! There's little reason why it's the best-selling harmonica book out there. Having been in music publishing and musical instrument retail, I've seen a lot of method books--this one is absolutely one of the best! However, I have to say that my absolute FAVORITE book just because it's SOOOO comprehensive is Jon's "Rock N Blues Harmonica." You can't go wrong with either.

I'm a Highland bagpiper, but I've been wanting to learn to play the harmonica for years. I've bought lots of tutor books, but none of them brought me to a place where I truly "got" it. Until this book/CD came along. I've listened to the entire 73-minute CD and immediately picked up tips that helped me learn this diminutive instrument! The most important message that Jon conveys throughout this book is that YOU are the instrument! The music and rhythm come from YOU, and the harmonica only gives it voice. That concept alone sets this book apart from the tutorials out there, and I think it's the key that will finally allow me to "get" it! Like I said in my title, this is an EXCELLENT choice for beginners!

I want to thank Jon for sharing his methods in Country & Blues Harmonica for the Musically Hopeless book and 73 minute Cd. I've had the book shortly after he released it and his short section on 'Breathing', has been a tremendous help to me. I get together a least once a week with friends to jam. We usually jam for roughly three hours, one guy in the group is constantly asking me why I never give out of breath. I simply tell him; ' It's all from Brother Jon Gindick's teachings. I breath through the harp and play with in what I have learned, know and feel comfortable with. I play the notes that need to be played, add a few when I need to, and put in just enough when I need to. Then I told him that I give a lot of time to the good old 'wood shed!'The riffs in the book are great for any level player.I wish I could have started several years back with this program first!! hope to make it to one of Jon's Jam Camps one day and Thank him in person.Take care brother Jon and keep on Jammin'!

If you want to play and sound good doing it, this is the book and CD. It's a wonderful way to start playing with the proper technique. Tons and tons of info in there. I've read the book many times and listened to the CD even more and I still catch things I missed the first 10 times. I wish I would have bought this years ago.

Out of the 3 people I've purchased similar products from, Jon is the best teacher and he makes it fun. Jon is just so good at breaking it down to small riffs, then before you know it, you are playing them and putting them together and they sound pretty good. I was playing acceptable stuff in just a few days and I was pretty much a raw beginner. Honestly I still am which is why, I am so sold on Jon and his teaching techniques, that I will be spending some serious money on one of his Jam Camps in Mississippi this year. Keep up the amazing work Jon.

I already play. I bought this on a whim because I had heard Jon's name before in other contexts. I read every page and I listened to every word. I enjoyed every moment and I learned a thing or two as well. Most of all I had fun. I sat in my room, on a stump, in my car, in one waiting room and in the post office listening, playing and laughing along with Jon. I'm sure some folks thought I was nuts but then I was laughing and they were not. Buy this book and a 5 buck harp and get a million dollar laugh.

Jon Gindick and ALL his books are AWESOME. Harmonica for the Musically Hopeful is THE book every beginner should start with. Jon keeps it fun and interesting while you learn to play and you will be playing and sounding good in no time. Jon relates to everyone as a friend while he teaches and covers techniques, theory, and all the necessary skills without boring you with textbook/classroom type training. Starting with this book will give you the best foundation and get you playing and having fun.

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