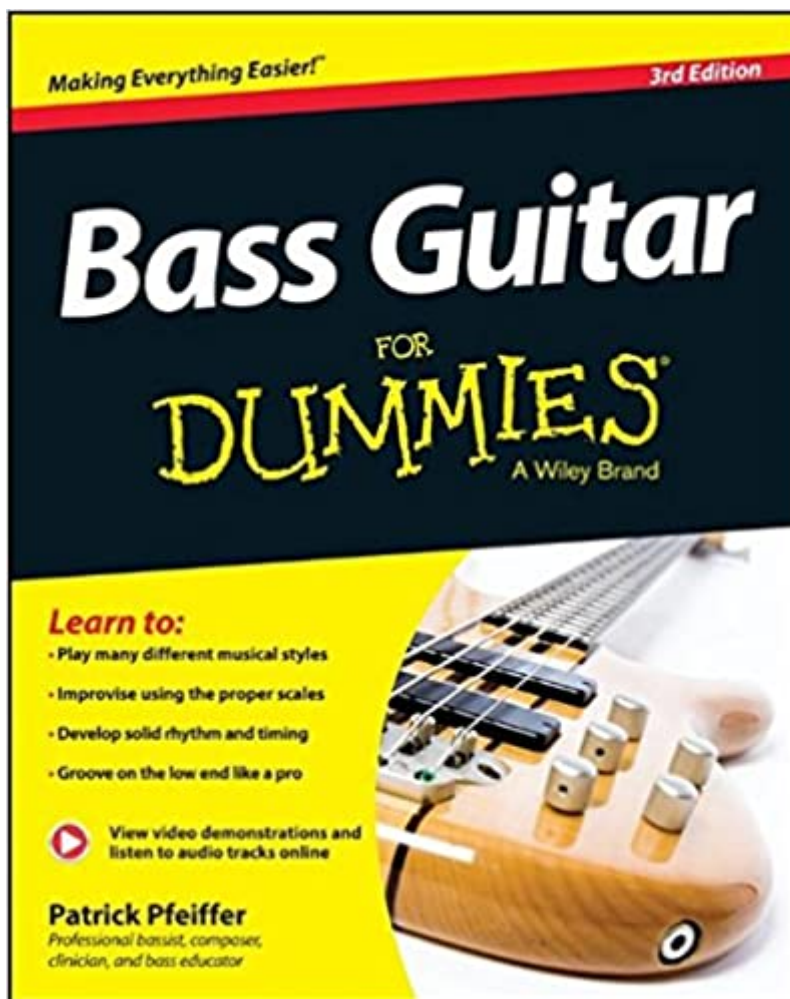


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Patrick Pfeiffer is a professional bassist, composer, and bass educator in New York City.

Pfeiffer's former clients include Adam Clayton of U2, Polygram, Red Ant Records, Arista Records, and other major labels. He has recorded with George Clinton, Phoebe Snow, Jimmy Norman, and many others.

In the paper edition of this book, the musical exercises are smaller than in other Dummies music titles that I've used. This is not a fatal flaw, considering that these are practice exercises that you'll be playing many times through. If you don't mind taking time to lean close to the book to read and memorize an exercise before you start playing it the first time, it can work fine. But if you want a bass exercise book that you can just throw on a music stand and browse through, you should pick a different book. The exercises themselves are sensible and progress from moderately easy to moderately hard. Most of the exercises are variations on scales, modes, and arpeggios, and if you work through them you will certainly have the whole fretboard solidly under your fingers. I think these exercises would be most helpful for someone who has played for a year or more and is basically comfortable with the instrument, who is ready to do some serious, disciplined practice to solidify their skill and technique.

Good book for bass players to have. I'm not professional in any way. Only been playing for a few years with any chance I can get between my 12 hr and 16 hr shifts at work, but it has helped a lot in the way I play especially since I'm teaching my self. The exercises actually help, to a certain extent. Good price too.

This is an excellent exercise book that will help you become a better all-around bassist. Patrick Pfeiffer knows how to break down elements of playing - scales, chords, groove - and he tells you how to structure your practice routine to address each element, and then combine them in a meaningful way. Go straight to Chapter 14 - it has a blueprint for your daily exercise routine right there! Before I started taking lessons with Patrick I was literally spinning wheels - not really knowing what and how to practice to get better. The lessons - and this book, which very closely follows what Patrick teaches - made this easy. Starting with proper warm-up for both hands separately, through "light-touch" techniques and economical playing (no unnecessary hand movements!), through knowledge of scales, modes and arpeggios, through proper groove and rhythm, through different styles - to actual music-making. All in one practice session! This is very rewarding, I must tell you. Now with this book I no longer have a feel that I just spent an hour-and-a-half playing F major scale up and down at different speed - exercise became so much more productive. Great job, Mr. Pfeiffer! Waiting for the next excellent book!

I've always loved the Dummies books for their humor and clarity of topic. This book is no exception. This book is best served along side the Bass Guitar for Dummies book and their companion CDs. The author provides fingering charts, notation and tabs to guide a musician of any level to the correct execution of the exercises. There is a solution for nearly ever challenge that any bass musician encounters. Beyond the physical exercises, there's a whole section on turning practice into music. Too many instruction books leave off at the mechanics. There is a whole part dedicated just to groove. In the groove section, the author breaks down the elements of groove in bite sized elements. Practicing creativity is as important as dexterity and accuracy. This book takes you on a tour of musical genres that uncover the nuances of each. I find there's no other guidebook that delivers such a complete set of exercises with so much thought. Patrick's great sense of humor keep you entertained while working the exercises. The exercises that will take you from neophyte to master. This could be the *only* exercise book one needs. A book that accompanies one on a journey from beginner to master. I have this book in print and on Kindle. I don't recommend things often, but this is one book that I can do so completely and without reservation. The only shortcoming I can find is the book was published with a format that makes it difficult to put on a music stand and play from. I would have preferred a larger page size and bright white paper. This in no way diminishes the value of the book.

Great book for anyone looking to teach themselves how to play bass guitar. It covers all the basics

from picking to fretting to scales.

Fantastic. I've been playing guitar for years but not bass. This book goes into great detail of how the bass is played, the clips and videos are easy to follow and he gives the "bottom" line to understanding how a Bass fits in with every kind of music - exactly what I was looking for!

I love the "Bass Guitar for Dummies" its as easy as 123! Very clearly written, and I love the humor too :) I've been using it for a week now, and I'm loving it. Very easy to follow. I recommend it for beginners, because I'm a beginner myself, and it's very easy! Love it!

I got this out of the library and liked it so much I bought it. Just starting playing bass at 63 and enjoying it very much. I also like The Complete Idiot's Guide Bass Guitar, but bought this one.

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