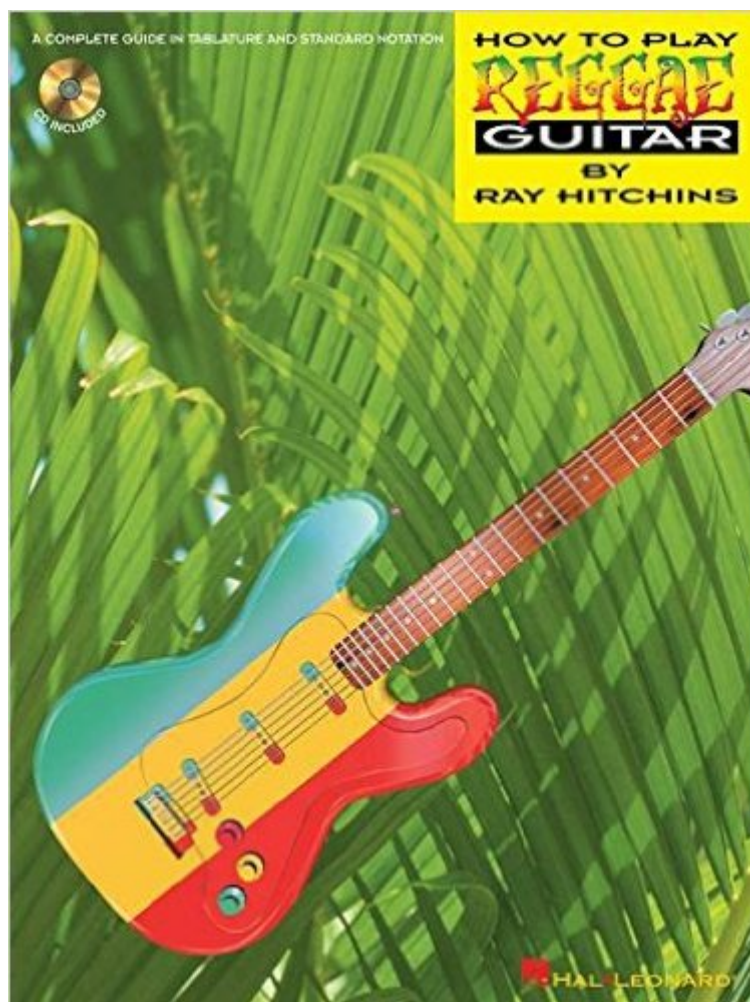


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How To Play Reggae Guitar (CD Pak)



Synopsis

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Each lesson takes you step by step. Once you get to Lesson 11, things started to make sense. Then after lesson 15, you started to know what Reggae is about and you will be really hooked. (If you already know and use barre chords, it will be much easier for you. In any guitar styles, you'll have to learn chords.) I don't know why they would give this book only 2 stars. Patience, practice, and perseverance (3Ps) are necessary in learning how to play the Guitar. I learn more about Reggae now than before. Ray, thank you, and I hope you'll come up with video (DVD) for this book.

This book delivers exactly what it says - this is an introduction on how to play reggae guitar. I teach guitar and use this book to *introduce* my students to the fundamentals of the reggae style. Some of the exercises are simplistic - but they are crucial to developing a good technical foundation for what is basically one form of Jamaican folk music. I especially like that Ray Hitchins takes the time to introduce the forerunners of reggae - mento and ska. Often, these introductory packages get

criticized for lackluster recordings that don't have all the verve and nuance of a professional performance. I think that's unfair given the purpose of the recordings - which is to strip the style down to its fundamentals so that a student who is exploring the style for the first time can grasp the point. Get the fundamentals down and the dynamics and subtle techniques will follow.

This instructional book is very basic to say the least. If you are looking for the basics of playing reggae, this is for you. Unfortunately, the book does not advance to a level above the basics. More bass lines patterns, bubbling, etc. would have been nice. Someone needs to document the styles of Lynn Taitt and other gifted Jamaican guitarists. How about the dude from Albert Griffiths and the Gladiators or Chinna Smith. There are some brilliant reggae guitarists out there. Unfortunately, with the new tide of rap-type reggae etc., the true musicians are being overlooked and forgotten. Time to get back to the roots.

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