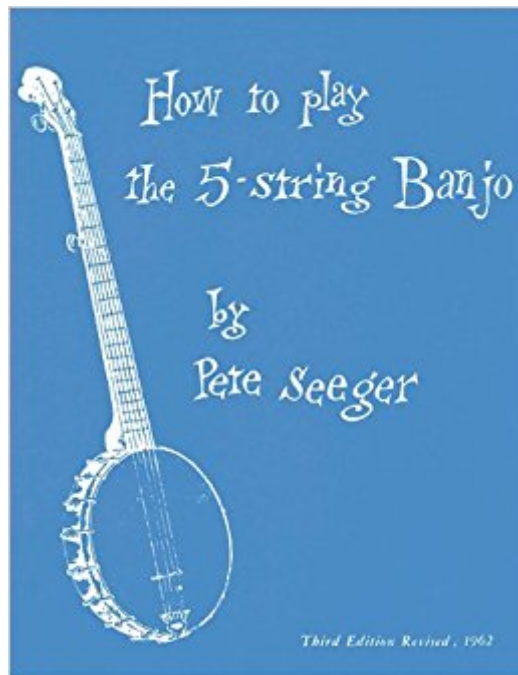




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# How To Play The 5-String Banjo (Music Sales America)



## Synopsis

(Music Sales America). This basic manual for banjo players includes melody line, lyrics and banjo accompaniment and solos notated in standard form and tablature. Chapters cover material such as: a basic strum, the fifth string, hammering on, pulling off, double thumbing, and much more.

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Useful for learners who have a lot of self-discipline and are willing to practice and work hard; but not really a complete self-study course, even with the companion CD and DVD. I'd recommend this book (and the companion CD, which is still available from Smithsonian/Folkways, and the companion DVD from Homespun Tapes) to supplement lessons with a live teacher. Many of the tunes included here are available on YouTube, or elsewhere on the Internet, performed by the old-time artists Seeger mentions in the book. Unfortunately there's not a compilation CD with the original artists, but I imagine you could make a fairly complete playlist on YouTube. Everybody who wants to play the banjo should study this book: just don't expect to rely on that alone, unless you're truly self-disciplined and fanatically dedicated.

This is the way that I started on the banjo. There weren't any other books then. Now there are many, but this one and "The Art of the Mountain Banjo" by Art Rosenbaum try to cover all styles. That is both its strength and weakness. You get off to a good start, but might get bogged down trying to learn so many different ways of playing the banjo. Pete's hand-written revision is charming.

Classic banjo book. My only complaint is that it is printed as though it were handwritten. If you've played a lot of jazz music where handwritten notation is common, this may not bother you, but I imagine a majority of new players will struggle to decipher the text.

this manual, which began as a mimeograph in the 1950s, is the one that taught a generation to play old time songs on the 5-string. It remains one of the simplest, yet most complete, guides to anyone wanting to learn seeger style. There was also a longplay album that went along with the book - it's now available here as MP3s at this link - [How to Play a 5-String Banjo \(instruction\)](#)

This is not a book for beginners who want to learn to play or make their first steps into music. Either it is a great resource for people who want to know more about banjo music, or for the intermediate player to get more ideas. Playing or not playing banjo should not keep you back from buying it. For it is certainly a classic.

Great book written by Pete Seeger, has tons of information about playing banjo

Love it

A good book but I would get another starter book as well.

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