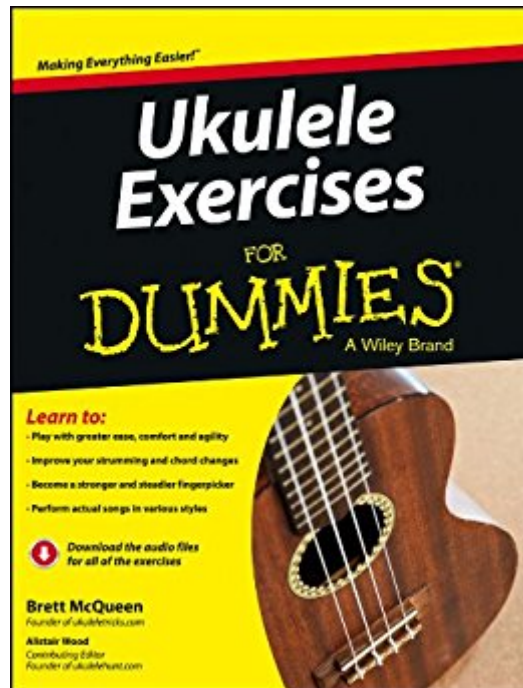


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# Ukulele Exercises For Dummies



## Synopsis

Take your ukulele playing to the next level - fast! - with hundreds of fun exercises, drills and practice tunes. You have a ukulele, you know just enough to be dangerous, and now you're ready to do something with it. You're in luck: *Ukulele Exercises For Dummies* helps you become a better player. This practice-based book focuses on the skills that entry-level players often find challenging and provides tips, tricks and plenty of cool exercises that will have you creating music in no time that include:

- Creating rock-steady strumming patterns and rhythms
- Becoming a better fingerpicker with patterns, arpeggio exercises, and solo fingerpicking pieces
- Expanding your fretboard knowledge and crafting your own rock, blues and jazz riffs and solos
- Playing actual songs on the ukulele - everything from the classic ukulele tunes to the 12 bar blues!
- Downloadable audio files of the exercises found in the book, providing you with a self-contained practice package

No matter if you're a beginning ukulele player or you're wanting to stretch and improve your chops, *Ukulele Exercises For Dummies* puts you on your way to becoming a ukulele extraordinaire!

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Here's where I'm coming from: I am, perhaps, an advanced beginner at the instrument. I received this book as a gift about a week ago. I probably practice too much. This is at its heart an exercise book. It's absolutely excellent for that - I've only spent about a week on it and see plenty of places I will improve from. It's also a great book for jumping around in. If you're a middling to advanced beginner (for me, I know all the important chords well, with one or two strumming patterns and no fingerpicking) this will help you advance. No, I haven't completed it - but this has already demystified strumming patterns for me (practice slow at first, then bring the speed up to the listed rate on the example song). I also now have a good understanding (if not ability) of how arpeggios work and I will be working on those. There are a good number of example songs, though I'd have liked to see more (one per strumming pattern, for example). There is still a good deal of footwork involved for the reader to produce more lengthy exercises on trouble spots. Strumming patterns, for example, are typically two measures long. This is far too short to make an interesting exercise (though it may be effective) and playing it in a song really makes the pattern understandable. I'm only asking for 3-4 lines of music, not complete songs. Other books have complete songs - this one should have had snippets, and in greater numbers. For that it loses a star (half a star, perhaps). The song choices are seasonal... Christmas music is appropriate for no more than a month or two of the year (less, if you don't go shopping after Halloween). "Jingle Bells," "O Holy Night," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem" are a third of the example pieces in the strumming section.

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