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13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Great beginner bookBy Gary GuitarI have purchased several fingerstyle books, all highly rated, but recently came across this one. Some of the others get advanced too quickly, but this book (and CD) lays out all the basics in a very orderly style with good explanations. It is written in music notation and TAB. They also cover how to arrange songs starting with the chords, melody and bass notes then adding fingerpicking "filler". This way you don't just have to read or memorize a song, you can figure out how to apply fingerstyle to any song. That's what I was looking for. They also have songs and partial song exercises like Yesterday, Fire and Rain, Dust in the Wind, etc. They get into capos and other topics then finish with four complete more advanced songs. I think the first half of the book is priceless, it covers the most important topics without getting too complicated. I wish I had started with this book. I am going to look for more books by Hal Leonard and Chad Johnson.30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. A great book! It's a great book to get introduced to fingersytle guitarBy C. McDowellThis is the second book I have by this author. As a former piano player I've often regretted not being able to play solo arrangements on the guitar. This book starts out relatively simple examples and builds on them using patterns found in many popular songs. Chad does a nice job introducing solo arrangements using Silent Night as an example. He introduces a melody and builds on this by adding bass lines, filler notes, etc.As with the other book entitled Hal Leonard Acoustic Guitar Method: A Complete Guide with Step-by-Step Lessons and 45 Great Acoustic Songs" The Hal Leonard Acoustic Guitar Method: A Complete Guide with Step-by-Step Lessons and 45 Great Acoustic Songsmany of the songs in this book consist of only the key musical phrases and not the entire song. This can be irritating as you won't know without seeing the book which songs are completely transcribed (tabbed). In fact this is one of the two reasons that kept me from giving it a five star rating. The other relates to the included CD. Most songs and song excerpts (about 99) are on the CD. I'd personally like to see all of them included though.Don't let this stop you from deciding not to buy the book. Chad Johnson writes very well. His teaching style is very clear. Even though the songs aren't all fully tabbed I get a sense that he wrote the book with the understanding that in today's age it is very easy to get the full song by surfing the net. I also appreciate the fact that if he tabbed out every song it would be extremely difficult to pay attention to the lessons he is teaching.In short - this is a great book for people who want to develop fingerstyle technique. I truly enjoy this author and will continue to buy his books as I think they are great teaching aids.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Only useful if you know lots of chord fingerings alreadyBy Joshua GarrisonThis book is almost useful, but comes far short of being a great teaching tool. My biggest complaint is that the book provides no chord fingerings for you in any of the songs or exercises - a glaring oversight considering that a large part of successful Travis fingerpicking is understanding how to adapt fingerings to maximize common tones between chords.If you don't know the best fingering for, say, a G/D chord and A/D chord off the top of your head, you'll have to stop practicing from the book and look up the chord fingering online. Very frustrating!

(Guitar Method). The Hal Leonard Fingerstyle Guitar Method is your complete guide to learning fingerstyle guitar. This book uses real songs to teach you the basics of fingerstyle guitar in the styles of the Beatles, Leo Kottke, Paul Simon, Robert Johnson, James Taylor, Adrian Legg, David Wilcox, and many others. Songs covered include: Annie's Song * Blowin' in the Wind * Dust in the Wind * Fire and Rain * Georgia on My Mind * Imagine * Landslide * Tears in Heaven * What a Wonderful World * Yesterday * You've Got a Friend * and more. Includes online access to 99 audio tracks for demonstration and play-along. Use the unique code inside each book to access the audio for streaming or download.