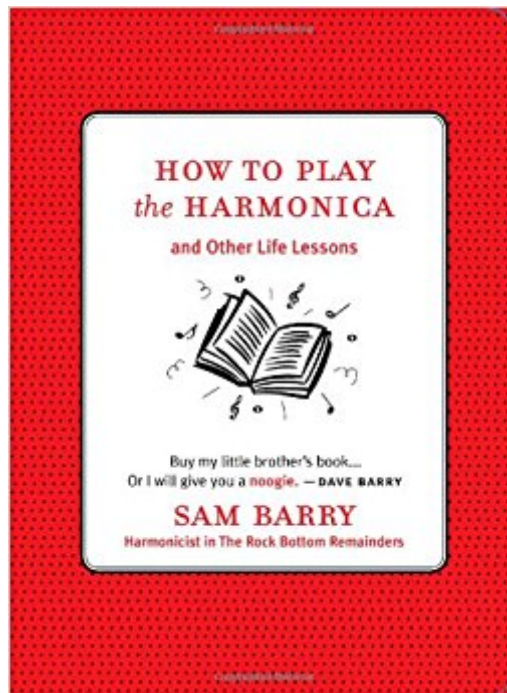




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How To Play The Harmonica: And Other Life Lessons



Synopsis

Filled with ideas for how to liven up your life, *How to Play the Harmonica* is the perfect companion for keeping you happy. Lost your dog? Call him home with a shrill whistle on your harmonica. Bored at work? Impress your colleagues with your witty banter and new thoughts on life. Tired of cooking? Throw in the apron and head out for Chinese . . . in Beijing. With the harmonica as his guide, Sam Barry leads the way to higher sense of self and fun. As a former minister, reporter, activist, bohemian, writer and artist, Sam Barry knows a great many things about life-and playing the harmonica. Barry currently works as a marketing and promotions manager at HarperOne and plays the harmonica in *The Rock Bottom Remainders* with his brother Dave. He and his partner, Kathi Kamen Goldmark, live in San Francisco. Witty ways for putting some fun back into your funny bone!

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"In this little gem of a book, Barry's pastorly reassurances loosen ties, bring out inner chickens and enable nascent musicians to let rip like Dylan and the Boss, eventually moving toward pomposity-slaying licks and writing an original blues song (because you know you have one in you)." (Bookpage 2009-08-17)

the harmonica can make you more playful (which is the WHOLE POINT of this book) "We should all stop and smell the roses, but as Sam Barry notes in this cheery and inspiring little book, stopping

to make a little music is just as rewarding and much more fun-and you can do it indoors! A wonderful read." -Mitch Albom, author of For One More Day "This book makes starting out on the harmonica fun-and makes life a little more fun, too. Harmonically yours," -Lee Oskar, world-renowned harmonicist

I don't play the harmonica, and maybe never will, but after reading this book I'm fairly sure I could give it a go if I wanted to. Mostly, I read this book to learn the secret to life, and I feel the writer has conveyed that to me. I will not spoil the ending by revealing the dramatic climax, but I promise you, if you buy this book you will laugh until you are too breathless to blow a harmonica. You will also learn the secret to happiness. Sam Barry is a hilarious writer, and he is cuter than his brother.

This is a surprisingly good book - among the best, if not the best, of the many books on harmonica and music practice I've bought. It deserves to be better known.If you've made it as far as the page and reading this review ... I say, go ahead, buy the book.If you play the harmonica, it will help. If you play some other instrument, it will also offer something(s) you can use. Even if you play not at all, the book might inspire you (or the birthday boy/girl in your life) to pick up an instrument, or offer a slightly different, more joyful, approach to your day. And it's just plain fun to read.Thanks, Sam.

A great read for anyone who is looking to start playing the harmonica. I have been dabbling with the harm for a little while now, and I was searching for a finger to point me in the right direction when it came to learning how to really play. This book was the perfect guide. and not only pointed me down the right road, but gave me a few places to stop and enjoy along the way. Sam Barry does a wonderful job at teaching the basics, giving a good laugh, and making really bad puns. Not holding those against him though.

Author did a great job making this fun to read. Recommend this for anyone learning how to play any thig.

This is a fun little book! The author tells a bit of his life story and his experience with music and other things in a very humorous and entertaining way. The book is also good for the beginning harmonica player and includes some simple tunes with tabs. I would buy it again, not only for the good humor but the don't-take-yourself-so-serious approach to the harmonica! We really do need to lighten-up!

Sam must have got some help from his brother Dave Barry, as this is a quite humorous look at having fun while learning and playing the Harmonica! (call it a Harp if you want to appear cool...)Sam's philosophy is that learning to play can and should be enjoyable in addition to making one a more educated, well-rounded person.

A wonderful mix of humor and simple instructions. Much encouragement for the beginner, interspersed with down home words of wisdom.

Best little book for a beginner harmonica player. Boosted my spirits while teaching the basics. I strongly recommend this for anyone who wants to learn and has a good sense of humor!

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