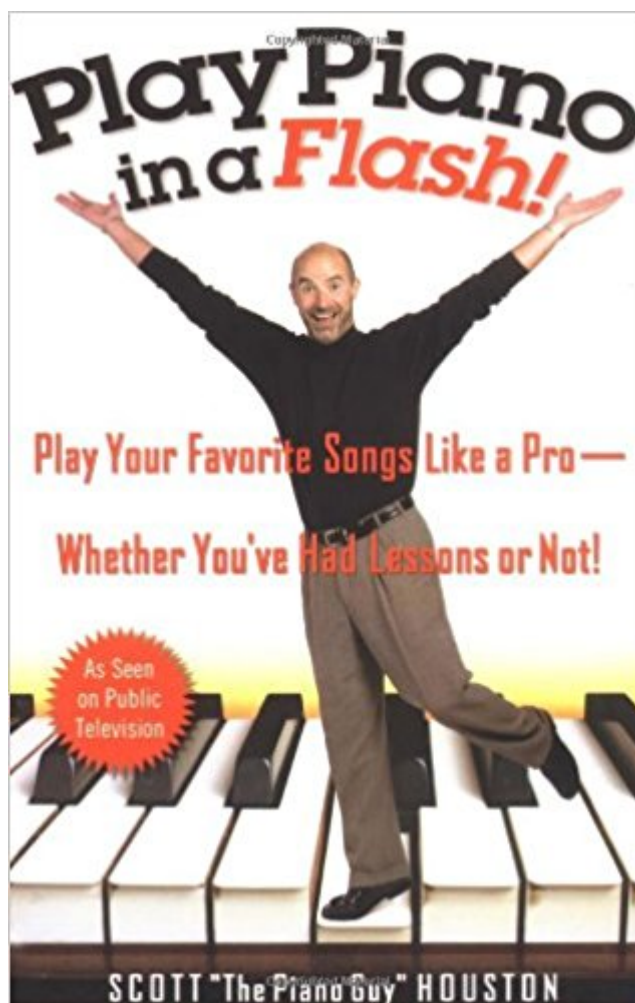


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# Play Piano In A Flash!: Play Your Favorite Songs Like A Pro -- Whether You've Had Lessons Or Not!



## Synopsis

As seen on public television stations nationwide, a revolutionary new approach to playing non-classical music on the piano. Have you ever wished you could play the piano Well, now you can! Scott "The Piano Guy" Houston teaches you to play the way the pros play, in a style enormously simpler than traditional classical piano and with an absolute minimum of note-reading. By focusing on playing the melody with the right hand (one note at a time) and simple chords with the left hand, Houston gives you the tools you need for a lifetime of musical enjoyment. Best of all, your tour guide to this adventure forces you to have fun along the way!

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Play Piano in a Flash! is the winner of our 2002 Pinnacle Award in the category of "how-to" books. -- National Association of Bookdealers Exchange (NABE) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Scott "The Piano Guy" Houston's background combines a degree from Indiana University with over fifteen years of experience in the music industry. From teaching to playing professionally to managing a music publishing company, he has been a part of many aspects of the music world. Realizing that most students do not aspire to become concert pianists, but rather want to enjoy being able to sit down at a keyboard and play their favorite music, he has taught thousands of students successfully at universities and colleges nationwide.

I love this book - perfect for a beginner. It's easy to understand and removes any sense of intimidation over the learning process.

Great purchase. My grand son is playing and loves the concept of the book.

This book will give you everything you need to get started playing the piano. The book is a very easy read with concise, right to the point instructions and doesn't offer you anything but the basics, hammering home the key points. You should find that (assuming you have at least some basic knowledge of music) that you will be able to play a few recognizable songs within a matter of days! I am not saying you will play them like a seasoned pro, but you will play them in a way that would impress your friends or family and will prompt them to ask, 'when did you start taking lessons?' I love how Scott just dives right in and gives you what you need to know to play right away. The book is short and sweet and offers just enough content. I also purchased his fake book and the first song I started working on was "Hey Jude". The music notation is in the key of C (from what I understand the easiest key to play) and I would say after a few hours I could play it somewhat decently. After a week, I had it nailed. Not just a riff or two, but the whole song atart to finish! I was blown away by my progress and look forward to learning more and more songs. For roughly \$10 you can't go wrong with this book. Just be sure and keep an open mind when you read it and please don't listen to piano snobs who will tell you 'oh this is just shortcuts and nonsense'. They are just jealous that they spend thousands of dollars on lessons and probably wish they learned piano in this manner to begin with. Highly recommended.

Great for beginners like me

It's not as easy as Scott implies. It takes a lot of determination, dedication and discipline to be able to play as easily as he indicates.

The content is excellent.

It basically tells you to play chords with your left hand, the melody with your right, and then ignore everything else. It says to buy fake books instead of normal sheet music. It stresses that is the correct way to play pop songs and is not intended for playing classical music. It actually mocks

classical music a little. It then goes in to some detail on how to improvise a bit to have fun with it. The rest of the book is a big pep talk. This is a very thin book, and the parts that matter can be read in just a couple hours. Instead of buying it, just go BN, pick up a Starbucks, find this book, read it on a chair, and then put it back. It's worth reading but maybe not worth buying. You can certainly do worse with your \$13, but you can probably do better.

this is such a great program. so easy to learn...instant play songs. presented well and easy to understand. excellent!!

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