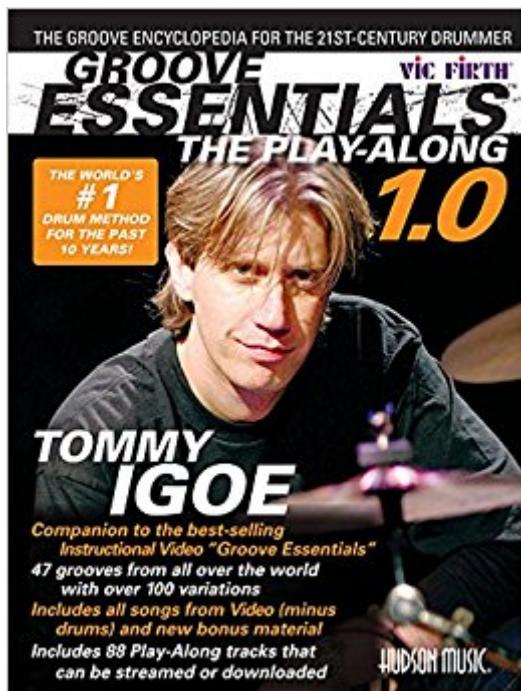


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# Groove Essentials 1.0 - The Play-Along: The Groove Encyclopedia For The 21st Century Drummer



## Synopsis

(Percussion). This play-along package presented by Vic Firth has been the world's top drum method for the past ten years. It has now been re-released with access to online audio for download or streaming for even more ease and flexibility. It features over 6 hours of music, including 47 grooves and feels from all over the world most in two tempos 88 tracks in all, truly professional sketch charts and incisive text by Tommy. An interactive groove experience for all level drummers with rhythm tracks that feature some of New York City's top musicians. Works in conjunction with the best-selling *Grove Essentials* DVD. For beginning drummers: simple rock beats with a real band feel; for intermediate drummers: syncopated, 16th-note grooves as well as jazz/swing feels; for advanced drummers: challenging world grooves, as well as jazz shuffles, jazz waltzes and R&B feels. Additionally, you'll find 3 "Global Tour" tracks that are 15-minute journeys through all the grooves and feels you've learned.

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## Customer Reviews

I worked out of *Groove Essentials* 2.0 for a long time and found it amazing. Then I started taking lessons with Tommy and he started me on 1.0 and it's surprisingly challenging. So I highly recommend it to all you snooty "advanced" players ( like me). Sain to try to play a simple rock groove 100% with the band. Much much harder than I thought. But most of all I find it a ton of fun to use. It's very appetizing. For example, Mr Igoe talks about the track and discusses the style, gives

interesting frames of reference and drummers and bands to study. And if you have ANY chance, I HIGHLY recommend studying with Tommy. It is life changing.

One of the best books I've ever purchased. The tracks are great and I specially enjoyed the Jazz tunes as I always wanted to play Jazz with a band and the tunes made me feel part of one :) The variations to the main groove are fun and very educative as some of them are not easy and makes you think and practice and try for a while, but after you realize how to play it, then it feels like a reward! The click-less tracks are a very good idea as I've found that it improves one's sense of time. I hope to see a Drum Fills Essentials sometime soon... Thanks Tommy for your great work!

I bought this along with the Tommy Igoe Groove Essentials DVD (something you should also purchase). *Groove Essentials - The Play-Along : A Complete Groove Encyclopedia for the 21st Century Drummer* These two products work really well together. You can take the CD from the book and rip all of the tracks onto your ipod so that you can play along with your kit. Also, the book contains full charts for each of the grooves contained on the poster that comes with the DVD. The grooves on the CD and in the book are the same ones that Tommy plays on the DVD, just expanded to 3 minutes or so. At times I find counting within the track to be a bit difficult, so this is a good time to go back to the DVD and watch Tommy play it. He also plays a couple fills on the DVD to give you some good ideas to spice up your playing. As a side note, this book does not include any of the fills he plays on the DVD. It does, however, contain a few variations on each groove that you can try to mix in. It's very rewarding to be able to sit down to these tracks each day and know that I'm getting better, as I'm able to keep up with the band. Plus I'm gradually learning to read drum charts. If you are disciplined this package will give you some very good results, as it's a lot like having a teacher to go back to when you have questions. I highly recommend this product and the DVD that goes along with it.

If this was merely an encyclopedia of drum grooves/licks, it would already be a great book, because the selection of grooves is -as the name says- essential, something that every drummer should add to his/her repertoire. But it is even better than that because of the playalong tunes. Each of the 47 grooves comes with four variations and two accompanying high quality MP3 tunes in slow and fast tempos. The slow ones are for practice and improvisation, whereas the fast ones contain additional challenges, such as room for breaks, fills, rhythmic figures and more sophisticated arrangements. Thus, in addition to learning rock, funk, jazz, latin and world music grooves, the playalong tunes also

help to develop musical skills, listening, creativity, and improvisation. If you can read music, you might not need the DVD, although the latter helps to understand the phrasing of the grooves better. This is not really a beginner's book, but I wish I had this when I started playing drums many years ago. Highly recommended - five stars aren't enough!

This is the play along CD and chart for you to accompany the first Grove Essentials course. No drum part on a full length song for each of Tommy Igoer's grooves. If you can play all these charts well, you are well on your way in drums. In fact, if you can play all these well, you are probably better than 90% of the "garage band", self taught guys out there. You should get Groove Essentials before you buy this.

Great product

Like everyone else said. (that should be enough for the review, but I'll write some more) There is no way I would ever be progressing the way I am without this book. It is so much fun to learn these grooves and jam along with the tracks. You can also try out grooves from other books and apply them to the tracks as well. The recordings themselves are performed by master musicians and are way better than I expected in terms of composition and execution. One note - I did throw a minor tantrum trying to upload the disc to my computer - I don't remember how I did it, but if you are having trouble make sure to look up how to upload an mp3 disc - once I did that it worked. Get this already! (and get the video too - it really helps)

great product. it comes with the 47 grooves along with 2-4 variations on the grooves which are great in themselves. That's the real riches of this product- all the variations! This is simply a great product

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