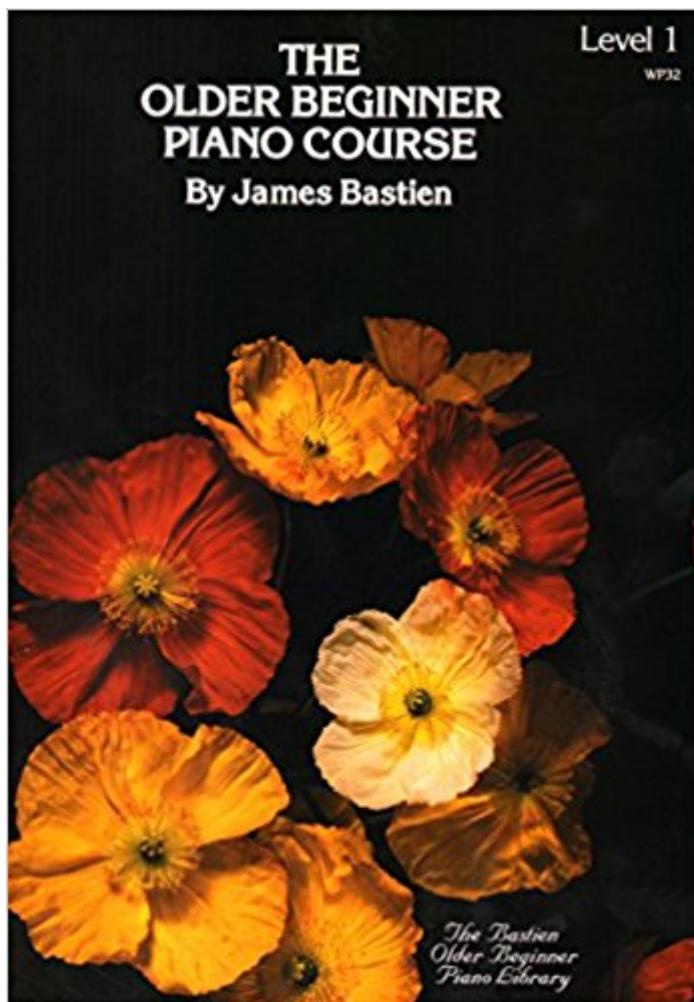


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# WP32 - The Older Beginner Piano Course - Level 1 » Bastien



## Synopsis

This appealing course of study for beginners age 12 and up is designed functionally, allowing students to play and harmonize melodies from the beginning. A time-tested chord approach method that really works!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I use this piano method for all of my students who are at least in 6th grade, although I've had some third graders who have gone through it. It is an old-school course. No pictures, no filler songs, no coloring activities. It moves quickly, but it still covers everything you need to know, and the songs draw from a rich musical tradition (no original compositions by the book's authors). It's my favorite method book to teach from.

This is a great method for anyone over the age of 12. I teach 40 year olds out of this book and they still enjoy it. It is also a great book if you are somewhat familiar with music, but not piano. If you are ambitious, you could use this book to teach yourself piano. It's a great method.

I got this on a keyboard instructor's recommendation. It's only okay. Maybe they show you 5 chords by the 5th chapter. Several times chords are pictured as I, IV, and V chords w/o the actual name of the chord posted: that's odd. On one page a music sign is explained and used for a couple lines of a one song then never seen for the rest of the chapter, even though there are more partial songs in

that chapter. My point being, that if there were more examples it would be easier to remember it. A friend gave me a different keyboard book that has all piano chords and their inversions listed in the back, which is more helpful. This one had no such listing. This one is just so, so.

I've been a huge fan of the Bastien Piano Basics course books for my younger students, however I recently acquired a very precocious 12 year old student and decided to give this a try. It's delivered just as I would expect from Bastien books! It would be great for adults learning piano as well! The book follows a predictable formula as you go through learning various new keys, and the songs advance at a pace that will keep eager students pleased! The look and feel of the book is very no nonsense (none of the pictures/illustrations of the piano basics course), but students feel like they're advancing and playing real music right away! Each unit ends with a quick theory page, which helps reinforce concepts!

We used this book when I was taking piano in high school and community college, so when I inherited a piano and discovered it had been long enough I'd forgotten how to even read music (quite the statement given how musical I was growing up!), I immediately hunted down a copy. I'm still a long way from being back up to snuff, but it's as easy to follow as I remember with a good sampling of music, clear explanations, and very good visuals.

I am so pleased to be using this book for piano lessons. It is done more the way an adult can learn. I have had 5 lessons so far and although this is a lot of work and challenging, it is worth the effort. I still feel I need a book more focused on the notes to supplement my learning, but, I can actually translate those dots and lines into something resembling music now and am approaching page 30 in just a few weeks! This works for me. I will have to get the next level soon.

Delivered as specified, good book for beginners!

Very pleased. High quality. Great Service.

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