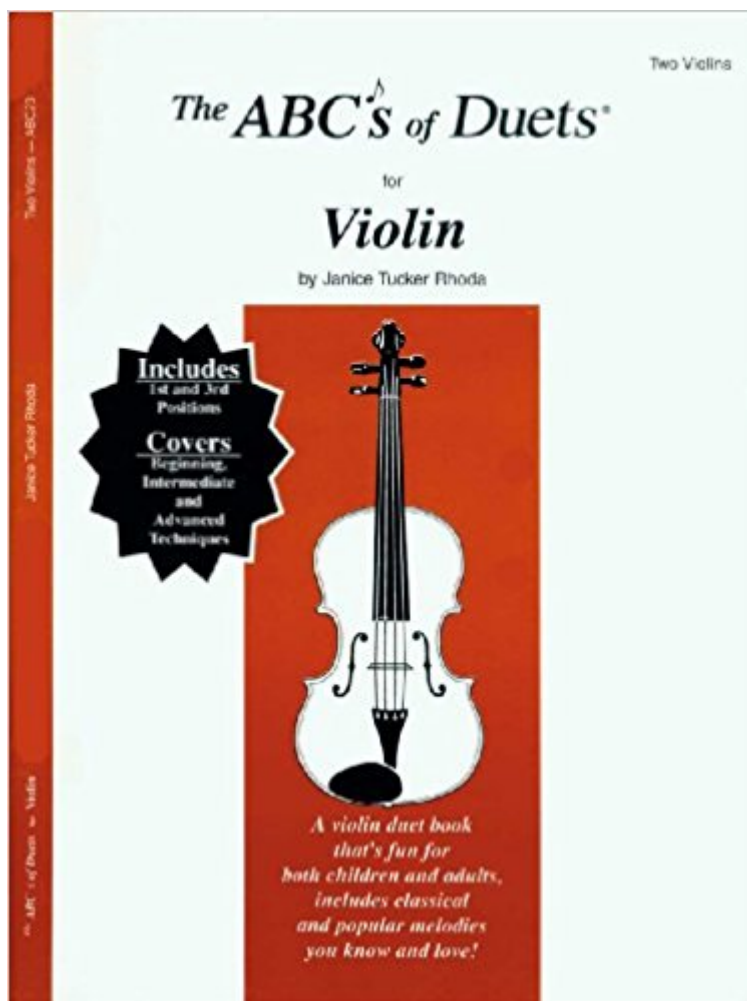




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# The ABCs Of Duets For Violin



## Synopsis

The ABCs of Duets for 2 Violins is designed for the Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced student of all ages! It utilizes mainly 1st position and some 3rd position techniques. The melody and harmony lines are printed on one page, so you will be able to see both parts. This book includes favorites like Mary had a Little Lamb, Ode to Joy, Frere Jacques, the theme from the 1st movement of Beethoven's Violin Concerto, Brahms Cradle Song, Joy to the World, Oh Susanna, Rock of Ages, Devil's Dream fiddle tune and much more, 29 Duets in all! Beautiful original pieces by author Janice Tucker Rhoda including a piece called "Shinichi" dedicated to pedagogue Shinichi Suzuki. Teachers will enjoy playing along with students at their lessons and students can be paired up to play duets with each other in private practice or at group recitals. There are several harmonies to many of the melodies from ABCs of Violin Book 1. Student's reading skills improve greatly with this first experience playing in a small string ensemble with these lovely duets! The ABCs of Duets for Violin Practice CD is sold separately.

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## Customer Reviews

"Extremely clear and beautifully organized, The ABCs of Violin are a truly valuable resource for every teacher of students in the early stages of exploring the instrument. They are immensely helpful not only in laying the essential groundwork, but also in making the process enjoyable."

--Dorothy DeLay, Violin Pedagogue, Juilliard School  
"The best string method books I've seen! Teachers will excel using this method and students will love the music." --Yuri Mazukevich,

Professor of Violin, Boston University

Janice Tucker Rhoda's biography is included in Marquis Who's Who in America, Who's Who of American Women and Who's Who in the World. She has designed her path-breaking instruction series, The ABCs of Strings, to encourage students of all ages to play the Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass. She has given clinics and courses at colleges worldwide and has served as an adjudicator for solo competitions. Her Complete Technique books for Violin, Viola, Cello and Double Bass is a new series introduced in 2014.

I like Rhoda's duets since they are so easy for a beginner to learn and play successfully. The method book only has a few and this supplements the series nicely. The songs aren't actually duets, they are trios with melody line as beginner, the second line as early intermediate and the third line as a bit more advanced.

I played the piano for 6 years before taking up the violin a year and a half ago. I've been trying these duets out with a friend who is also an amateur violinist like myself and we're having so much fun! For those who don't know the difference between a method book and a duet book: this is a duet book for 2 violins! A duet has one melody line and one harmony line, both to be played at the same time. A method book is an instruction book showing you how to play the violin. I suggest you get the ABCs of Violin for the Absolute Beginner for your 1st violin method book--there are 5 books in this series by the same author--I'm at the end of Book 3 which shows you how to play 3rd position. My teacher said Book 4 shows 2nd position. Book 3 has been very thorough--I really feel like I know the fingerboard in 3rd position.\*\*In this duet book there is a lot of variety in styles of music you can play together. Here are some songs we really like to play together: The Devil's Dream--an Irish fiddle tune, Rock of Ages, Joy to the World, Oh Susanna, 2 Beethoven melodies and Brahms Cradle song--about 30 duets in total, we haven't had a chance to play through all of them, but can't wait! Meeting every week to play duets has kept us going on violin full speed ahead and improved our reading skills a lot! We're thinking of joining our community orchestra someday, but thought we'd develop our confidence by playing duets first.I'm very very happy with my purchase!!

Fantastic! My students love this book. They enjoy playing these sweet, little duets together. It is a fun way to hone their sight-reading and intonation skills.

I am a violin teacher who teaches three children and their mother. They are hard working students inspite of their young ages: Ages 4, 6 and 8 years old. Like other children, they are interested in video games, animated movies, etc. But what makes them practice their violins so hard is a joy to play music with each other. They are 2 brothers, a sister and mother. This duet book "The ABCs of Duets for Violin, Book 1" is written very nicely. There are many duets in this book which coincide with the pieces learned in Violin Book 1, "The ABCs of Violin for the Absolute Beginner." I recommend getting both books. To sum it up, this duet book brings great happiness to violin players who play this lovely music together. I highly recommend this book to beginners and intermediate level learners!

This is a well-arranged book of violin duets for students starting with the beginning level, then progresses to intermediate and advanced. So, my students of all levels benefit from using it. They enjoy playing the various melodies a lot. I prefer using this duet book over others because my students see both lines, the melody line and the harmony line. Also, as a teacher I find it satisfying because I can play harmonies in 3rd position while my students play the easier line in first position.

I don't have anybody to play violin with. So I got this book and decided to tape myself. Then I play the other part along with the tape. It's hard to do at first, but the more I do it, the better I get. I know I'm really improving when the overall music starts to sound good. I also got the first ABCs violin book and the CD that goes with it. I think it's the perfect way to start out.

I'm a violin beginner and have been playing duets with friends over the last number of months. We've used lots of different duet books, and this is my favorite of them all. Everything sounds good and is fun and easy to play. I recommend this book very highly.

I have been playing guitar for over thirty years and I've never seen such a ripoff. This book does not teach how to play a violin. It is a book of very simple songs. This type of song book is readily available in music shops at a much cheaper price. I am very disappointed in this book and suggest you not waste your money as I did. If you need a book, go to Mel Bay.... On a scale of 1 to 5 I give this book a "zero."

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