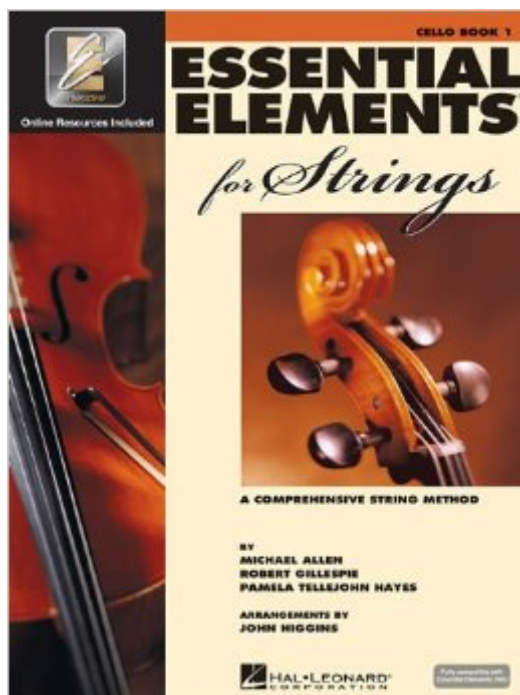


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I'm 27 years old and currently learning to play the cello. I've bought this book along with the Suzuki

books/CD and various others. I think this is the best book to start with if you have no prior cello playing experience. With the Suzuki books you're playing more songs, while this book consists of a lot of simple exercises. For example, Suzuki for Cello Book 1 has 17 exercises/etudes, whereas Essential Elements has 193. The exercises in Suzuki are generally a little longer and closer to full songs. Suzuki Book 1 has 23 pages while this book has 48 pages. The biggest downside to Suzuki is that there's absolutely no instructional information, and while both books assume you're working with a teacher, I think it would be harder to progress with the Suzuki book if you do not have a teacher. I see this book as more of a prequel to the Suzuki books, but there's obviously some overlap. If you finish this book you'll likely move through the first few Suzuki books pretty quickly. This book's overall goal seems to be teaching students how to sight read musical notation. Lots of time is spent counting beats and looking at notes and playing them on the cello as you read them. For a book that's focused more on the subtleties of technique I'd check out "The Art of Cello Playing" by Louis Potter Jr., or I'd rely on a teacher for that information. As mentioned, this book comes with a DVD and CD, and the DVD actually has SOME instructional video, but only about 15 minutes. The rest of the DVD is just the audio of all 193 practice tracks. Also, the audio CD for Suzuki books 1 and 2 is purchased separately and is priced at about \$14. This book is about the same price as Suzuki book 1 but comes with the audio CD and DVD, so I think it's also a better value.

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