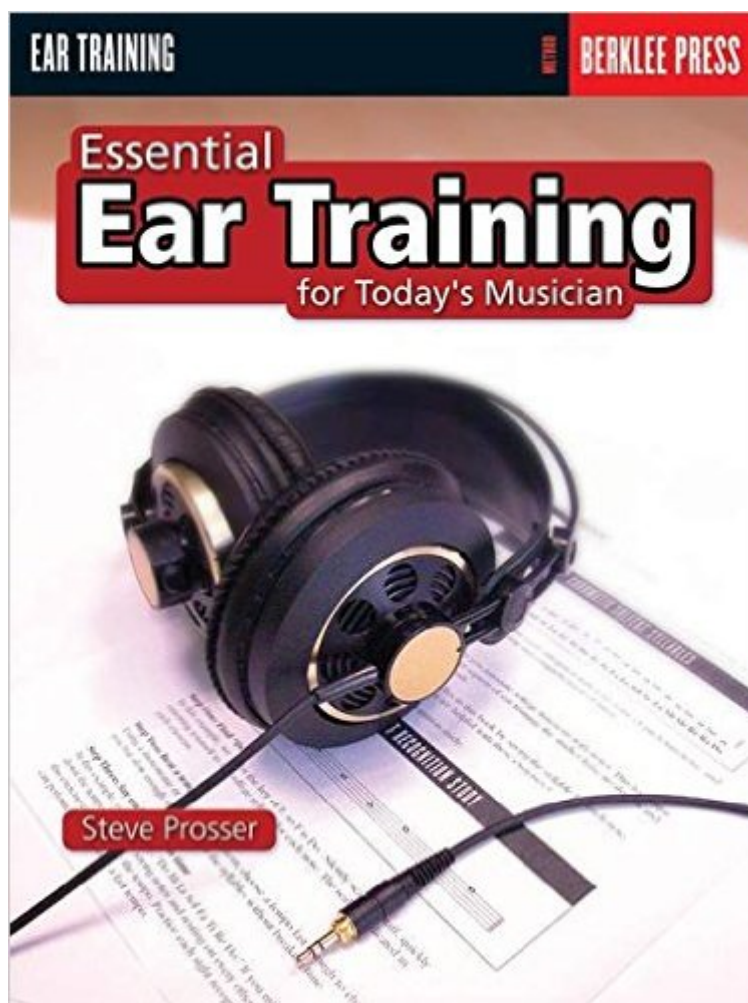


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This book teaches the moveable do system of solfege by having the reader do sightsinging from musical notation. Solfege assigns syllables to the 12 notes of a chromatic scale. I definitely think sightsinging is a good way to train your ear, but this book is not a good introduction to ear training. There is no CD, so it's hard for you to know if you're doing it right or not, and there's also not a lot of explanatory text after the first few pages. Everything is in musical notation. There are rhythmic exercises (clap and sing along to musical notation, but with no pitch), sight recognition exercises (naming the solfege functions with musical notation, without rhythm), sol-fa studies (singing the solfege symbols without musical notation), melodic studies (sight-singing from musical notation, with rhythm) The workshops increase in difficulty by introducing new keys, new time signatures, and new scales. You start with major scales and then move to minor (melodic, real, harmonic), and then go into modes. I think the useful idea of this book is that you should sightsing everything to establish

your inner ear. But you don't need this book to sight-sing, you can do that with any introductory book that teaches you to sight-read on your instrument, once you understand the solfege system. A better book is Ear Training for the Contemporary Musician, which also teaches moveable do solfege (although they don't call it that), and comes with a CD of exercises where you have to transcribe scales, chord progressions, and so on.

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