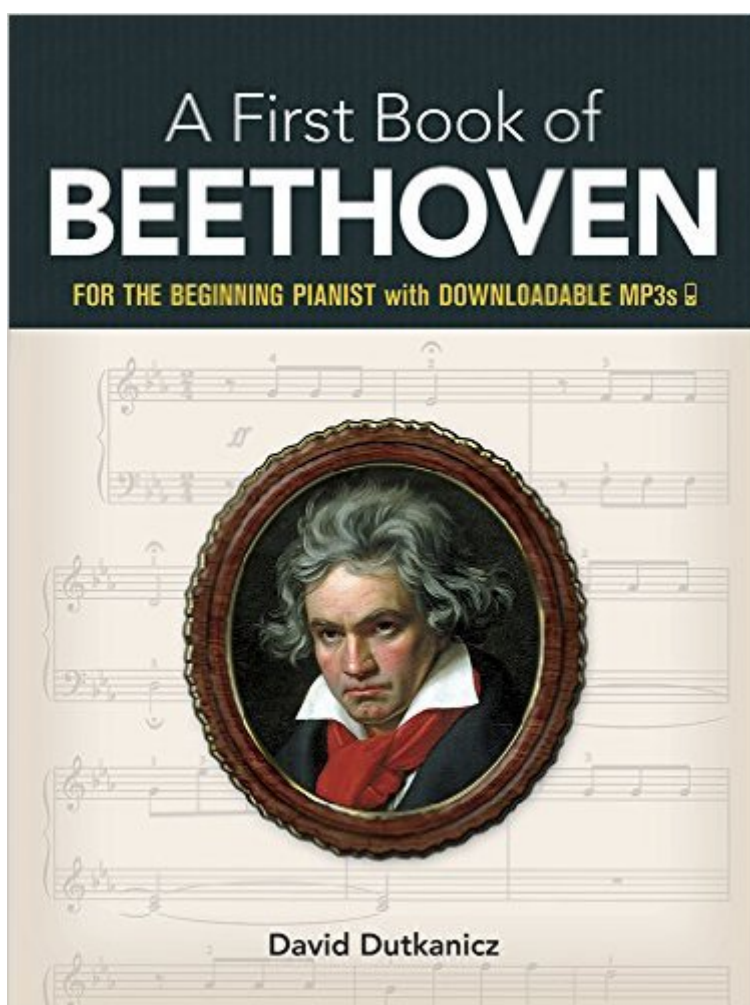


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# A First Book Of Beethoven: 24 Arrangements For The Beginning Pianist With Downloadable MP3s (Dover Music For Piano)



## Synopsis

Specially arranged and simplified, these pieces offer beginners the pleasure and satisfaction of playing Beethoven. Students and teachers alike will delight in such popular melodies as "Für Elise," "Ode to Joy," and the haunting opening of the Moonlight Sonata. A First Book of Beethoven features 24 selections, including "Romance in F," "Turkish March," "Minuet in G," and "Bagatelle in G Minor." It includes excerpts from the sonatas—such as the opening of the 2nd movement of Sonata No. 14, the "Adagio" from Piano Sonata No. 5, and "Adagio Cantabile" from Sonata No. 8—as well as highlights from the symphonies. Along with the twenty-four piano arrangements, this collection includes a free MP3 download for every piece, which will help beginning pianists develop an ear for the melodies. The MP3s may be downloaded individually or collectively.

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I am in the process of learning piano, and so I ordered this book (and another in the series) to try to expand my sheet music library. I played the melody easily for "Ode to Joy" (included in this book). Two things I really like about it: the print is fairly large and easy to read, and if you can't read notes really well for a beginner, or you are just learning to sight read, it includes fingering numbers. BUT, while the book is written for beginners, it is written based on the assumption that you have already

learned what terms such as "Allegretto", "Moderato", and "Andante" are. I have not gotten that far in my learning process yet, and the "teach yourself to play piano" book does not include these in the course. I will have to do further study and advance more before I find out. Now while this book promises that it comes with MP3 downloads, I did not find any reference to these in the book about where to go to download said bonus MP3 files. It would be nice if I could find them, so that I can hear what these are supposed to sound like and at least play by ear. It is likely they are on the book publisher's website somewhere, and I will definitely edit this review when I find out for sure where they are. One more thing and this is just me: I usually take a pencil and mark my sheet music with notes, rather than the fingering numbers because I get confused when it comes to playing a left hand by fingering number, as I tend to play the pinky on left hand as a 1 rather than the thumb, and every piece of music I will encounter in the future will not always include fingering numbers: it will expect me to know how to read notes but this is just something I personally do to help myself play.

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