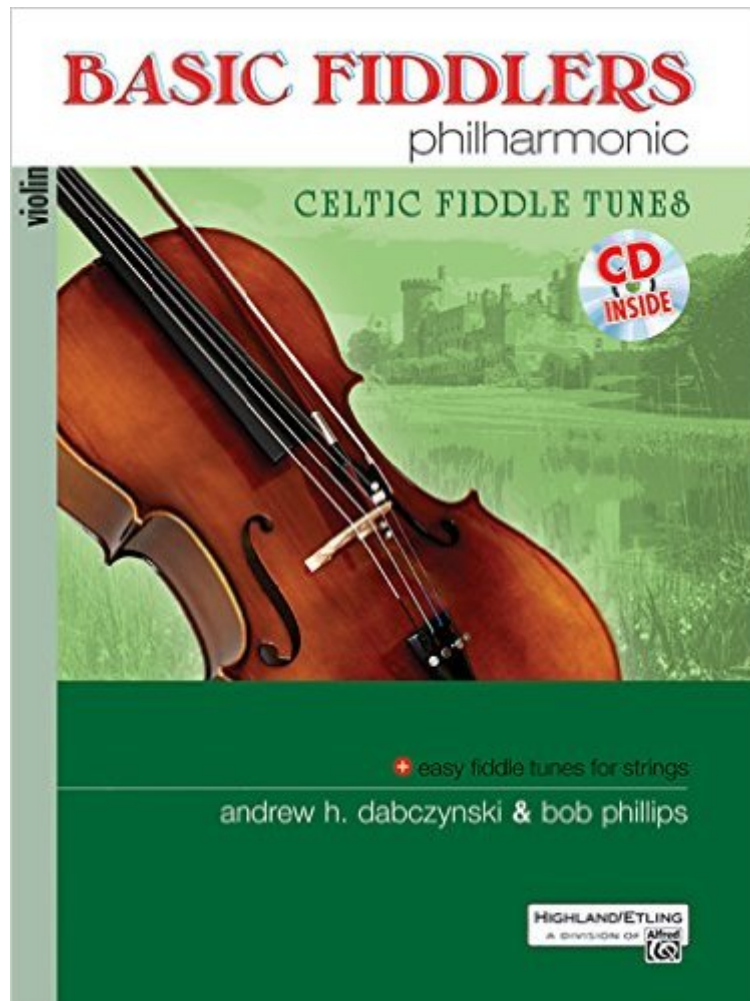


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# Basic Fiddlers Philharmonic Celtic Fiddle Tunes: Violin, Book & CD



## Synopsis

New from the Philharmonic series, this collection is an absolutely perfect way to introduce Celtic fiddling to your youngest string players! Eleven tunes from the Celtic fiddling tradition are presented first in a simplified, very easy "Basic" version of the tune printed with note names in the note heads. The tune is also presented in an "Advanced," but still accessible version of the tune. Lyrics are included where applicable. The optional accompaniment CD features recordings of the Basic and the Advanced tune as well as a back-up track for play-along at home or in class.

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## Customer Reviews

I am having so much fun with this music book. I want to learn Irish music but am just a beginner to violin (well, maybe 1-2 years into it but sporadic at best). This is the perfect segway into playing Irish music. There is a basic version which even shows the names of the notes (which I do not need) but it even enlarges the notes for easier reading. The play along CD is great, too! I worked my way through all the basic tunes and have now started on the advanced tunes. (which is just an advanced version of the same tunes, in standard musical notation) It's a great way to add more notes and more difficult playing by already knowing the tune and building upon it. The songs are mainly all upbeat and super fun to play. I ordered a few other Irish songbooks but I keep returning to this one because of how accessible it is and how much I like the songs.

Excellent collection -- as shown by the overall reviews. As for the others, I wonder if there hasn't simply been some confusion. Not written in the treble clef as is other violin music? Not all of it -- this book allows for cello and viola to play along and those instruments are written in C clef. Not Celtic? That may be the wrong book entirely. The Old-Time Music book looks exactly like this one -- except for the title of course, but titles are printed a bit small, secondary to BASIC FIDDLERS and blending with the background. Confusion could happen. Songs include the very Celtic Rakes of Mallow, John Ryan's Polka, The Skye Boat Song (of Bonnie Prince Charlie), The Wind That Shakes the Barley, The Minstrel Boy, McPherson's Lament, The Irish Washerwoman, and more. Many have commented on the Basic to Advanced versions. Not only does it accommodate different skill levels, it teaches HOW to move from Basic to Advanced, by "outlining," by learning the "bones" of the tune, by leaving the flourishes for later as skills improve. My only complaint is that I have yet to find a backup CD with real rather than synthesized instruments. It would be nice. But in the meantime, this is more than adequate.

Great Tunes in a wonderful layout! The book has the basic tune, advanced tune, and back-up all on one page. The improvisation suggestions in the back are great and will keep students that are on multiple levels entertained. I also love that the lyrics and story behind each tune are posted as well as a few great pictures on each page. It's a great book to use individually or in a group setting because they provide you with 2 versions of the tune and back-up.

My daughter is learning how to play the mandolin, and wants to learn how to play Celtic tunes, specifically. This book is just great. It has both a beginner's version of each tune, a more advanced version of the tune, and a back-up accompaniment. Highly recommended.

This is supposed to be for violin, yet it is written in bass clef. What? They've written in the transposed notes but for someone who is used to just reading treble clef as is...this is unnecessary and confusing. At first I thought, "well now I'll just have to learn a new skill," but since I bought this for fun and not to practice transposing...it just got frustrating. Returned it.

This is a great beginner to intermediate violin book. Each song has two levels and a back up part. First sheet is a basic tune where the notes are labeled, the second sheet is the complete song without labeled notes, the third section is the back up part which also has guitar chords. Which is a bonus, since my husband plays the guitar. I am looking forward to learning the songs in this book.

Great Fiddling book with many good songs included in it with a basic and advanced version for those who are just beginning as a violinist or just beginning in the celtic and fiddling area.

im a beginner fiddle student, i like that it has both beginner and advanced versions of each song in the book so people,like me can play these songs, worth the purchase

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