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# Vic Firth Presents Groove Essentials 2.0 With Tommy Igoe: The Groove Encyclopedia For The Advanced 21st-Century Drummer



## Synopsis

(Percussion). This book/CD pack features 53 all-new grooves including odd-meters; over 80 new play-along tracks (minus drums) with charts and bonus material; and more than 100 groove variations! The companion to the Groove Essentials 2.0 DVD (HL00320806), the CD in this pack is playable on all MP3-capable CD/DVD players and computers, and is compatible with iTunes and iPod.

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## Customer Reviews

I can not speak highly enough of this book. My drumming has improved exponentially with all of these wonderful play-alongs. In fact, these books are the reason I can comfortably play most latin styles of music when I am at jazz gigs. It has saved my life so many times, I could not imagine not using it. Personally, my favorite grooves are at the end of the book. I love odd time music and this book does not disappoint in that aspect. My only complaint is the jazz portions of this book. I didn't feel like it gave many different things to work on with some of the high level jazz that I want to learn. Other than that, this books is downright phenomenal.

Bought Groove Essentials 1.0 and loved it so much that I bought 2.0 and both play along CD/book sets. As someone who has been playing drums on and off for over 20 years, I highly recommend starting with 1.0. Even if you are a drummer who has mastered Blues/Rock/Hip Hop or Jazz comping, there are so many interesting world grooves, like Soca, Calypso, Mambo, Mozambique,

etc..to keep you busy. Its opened my creative ability to try new styles outside the 4x4 rock/blues/jazz box. Unless you are already an accomplished drum teacher, I guarantee that there is something to learn in both Groove Essentials.

Book 2 certainly does not disappoint. The amazing musicians are all back and have created killer backing tracks in a cornucopia of styles. It is best to get the DVD so you understand how all the grooves should sound - it appears Tommy has had a couple shots of whiskey in this one. Whatever works. I can't imagine learning drums without these packages.

As usual, anything from Tommy is great. He has an unusual gift of teaching. Teaching drums from a recorded lesson is very difficult to pull-off...and Tommy just nails it! I think pairing this with a local drum teacher...is the best method of learning so many grooves, and keeping things organized.

Tommy Igoe's book(s) "Groove Essentials" is a must for all teachers. This book has done something I've been wanting to do for years. Have students play along to different genre's of music in a real and practical way...with easy to read charts. And with world class musicians playing the songs. The recordings are clean, easy to follow...the musical examples are world class and fun to play to. With 30+ years teaching experience, I've seen method books come and go...this one is here to stay. I also whole heartedly recommend Mr. Igoe's accompanying DVD's. 5 BIG stars for this priceless material. Thank you Mr. Igoe.

Very good. Very fun. Very diverse

Tommy's Essentials are some of the best play-alongs I have ever met in my studing because are very well explained, cover of styles of music and the estructure of the sound tracks (minus drums) included are very good to practice.

Tommy's books are awesome.

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