

# **Anthology for the Fretted Dulcimer: A Comprehensive Guide to the World's Most Versatile Stringed Instrument**

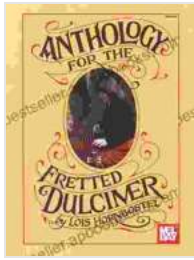
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The fretted dulcimer is a stringed instrument that has been played for centuries. It is a versatile instrument that can be used to play a wide variety of music, from traditional folk songs to classical pieces. The fretted dulcimer is a great instrument for beginners because it is easy to learn to play, and it is also a portable instrument that can be taken anywhere.

## **History**

The fretted dulcimer is believed to have originated in the Middle East. It was brought to Europe by Crusaders in the 12th century, and it quickly became a popular instrument. The fretted dulcimer was used to accompany folk songs, dances, and religious music.



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In the 19th century, the fretted dulcimer was brought to the United States by immigrants. It became a popular instrument in the Appalachian Mountains, where it was used to play traditional folk songs. In the 20th century, the fretted dulcimer began to be used by classical musicians, and it is now played in a wide variety of musical genres.

### Construction

The fretted dulcimer is a trapezoidal-shaped instrument with a flat soundboard and a hollow body. The soundboard is made of wood, and the body is usually made of wood or metal. The fretted dulcimer has a total of 4 strings. The strings are typically made of nylon or steel, and they are stretched over a fretboard. The fretboard is divided into frets, which help the player to find the correct notes.

### Tuning

The fretted dulcimer can be tuned in a variety of ways. The most common tuning is DAD, but other tunings include DAA, DGD, and GDG. The tuning can be changed to suit the music that is being played.

### Playing Techniques

The fretted dulcimer is played by strumming or picking the strings. The player can use their fingers, a pick, or a bow to play the instrument. The fretted dulcimer can be played in a variety of styles, including fingerpicking, strumming, and bowing.

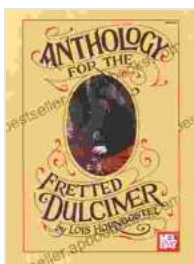
## Repertoire

The repertoire for the fretted dulcimer is vast and varied. There is music for every level of player, from beginner to advanced. The repertoire includes traditional folk songs, classical pieces, and original compositions.

## Resources

There are many resources available for fretted dulcimer players. There are books, websites, and online forums that can provide information about the instrument, its history, and its music. There are also many fretted dulcimer teachers who can help you learn how to play the instrument.

The fretted dulcimer is a versatile and beautiful instrument that can be used to play a wide variety of music. It is a great instrument for beginners and experienced players alike. If you are interested in learning how to play the fretted dulcimer, there are many resources available to help you get started.



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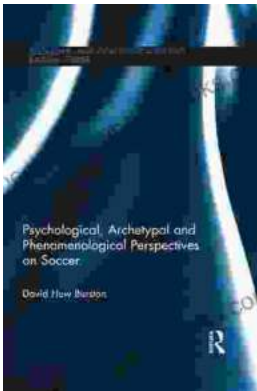
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