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# GarageBand: The Missing Manual: The Book That Should Have Been In The Box



## Synopsis

GarageBand lets you create music of your very own. If you're already a musician, you'll probably flip over GarageBand; it combines the CD-quality samples of Apple's Soundtrack software with the hard-disk recording features of Digital Performer and the canned rhythm tracks of Band in a Box. But what's really mind-boggling is the way this program can turn the inspiration of musical novices into commercial-sounding demos. Imagine how many thousands of singers and instrumentalists, though blessed with enormous native talent, remain undiscovered because they lack recording studios and backup bands. For them, GarageBand may open a lot of doors--or just offer a lot of fun. GarageBand: The Missing Manual is an authoritative, witty guide to constructing digital recordings with GarageBand.

## Book Information

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David Pogue, Yale '85, is the weekly personal-technology columnist for the New York Times and an Emmy award-winning tech correspondent for CBS News. His funny tech videos appear weekly on CNBC. And with 3 million books in print, he is also one of the world's bestselling how-to authors. He wrote or co-wrote seven books in the "For Dummies" series (including Macs, Magic, Opera, and Classical Music). In 1999, he launched his own series of amusing, practical, and user-friendly computer books called Missing Manuals, which now includes 100 titles.

Although I would have preferred the new edition outlining the latest version of GarageBand, this book gave me what I wanted. I was able to finally USE GarageBand, whereas before I couldn't figure out how to do anything with it. The "missing manual" idea comes through again! Sometimes, you just need to read the manual. I find that I can use this book more as reference material and I haven't read it cover-to-cover as I often do with books of this nature. Since I received it during a busy time in my life, I found that helpful. I know I'll refer to it often as I create new projects in GarageBand. If you're wondering whether or not to wait for the updated version of GarageBand: The Missing Manual, but you need to have this reference material NOW, I'd encourage you to go for it! You'll be glad you did.

The description of this book was as a manual for version '11 of Garageband. It's actually for version 1.1. Slight but crucial difference. No wonder it was only \$4.50. As always, you get what you pay for

I found this book to be a great way to familiarize myself with GarageBand. It is clearly written, and the author guides the reader through all of the functions of the software without being overwhelming. I was able to dive right in, and follow along immediately. I would consider this book essential to anyone that wants to learn how to use GarageBand, especially if they are unfamiliar with the way modern digital recording systems and loop based music compositional tools work. The author lays out all of the info, and you'll be able to start using GarageBand right away. The book is also an easy read, unlike many "technical" manuals.

A good book, Learn the shortcuts fast. Gets Garage Band working as you read, Learn all steps of Recording a illustrated step by step course. It is easy to Comprehend. A good Buy!

This was very helpful. It was an old version, but it answered many troublesome questions about locations, shortcuts, and an overall organizer for all the info areas Garage band covers!

It looks good but written for an early version of Garage Band. Hopefully it will still apply as I need to access specific info.

I learned a couple of new things for a couple of bucks.

Great cover of so many things that are not obvious in GarageBand. I use Cubase for my recording,

but my kids are on Mac and GarageBand keeps them off the my FW1082 DAW and from messing with my Cubase settings... They have an 8 port Alesis Firewire for mixing and GarageBand seems to do all they need for their YouTube stuff and burning CD's for friends. This book has helped them find some advanced features to add some professionalism to their work

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