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- Dig into the blues — get the 411 on the blues as a musical style, understand how the harmonica fits into the music, and survey the types of harmonicas available
- Do the crawl — grasp how to play melodies along with licks and riffs — those nuggets of bluesy melody that make up the building blocks of blues harmonica playing
- Delve deep — discover how to use your hands, lips, tongue, throat, and lungs to shape your sound and create sonic texture
- Find your style — from prewar rural blues through amplified Chicago blues through modern blues-rock, discover classic recordings and playing techniques to help define your personal approach
- Be loud and proud — put together a repertoire of tunes to play for an audience and amplify your playing with electronic equipment

Open the book and find:

- The lowdown on what it takes to get started
- A blues guide to music symbols
- How to go from playing easy chords to strong single notes, and then to 12-bar blues
- Ways to shape, color, and punctuate your blues sound
- Detailed, step-by-step guidance on bending notes
- Tips for developing your personal style
- Important players and recordings in different blues harmonica styles

Learn to:

- Play blues on harmonica
- Master techniques like bending, tongue blocking, and chordal rhythm
- Connect with blues history and the major players

About the Author

Winslow Yerxa is a widely known and respected harmonica player, teacher, and author. He has written, produced, and starred in many harmonica book and video projects, and provides harmonica instruction worldwide. In addition to teaching privately, he currently teaches at the Jazzschool in Berkeley, California.

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