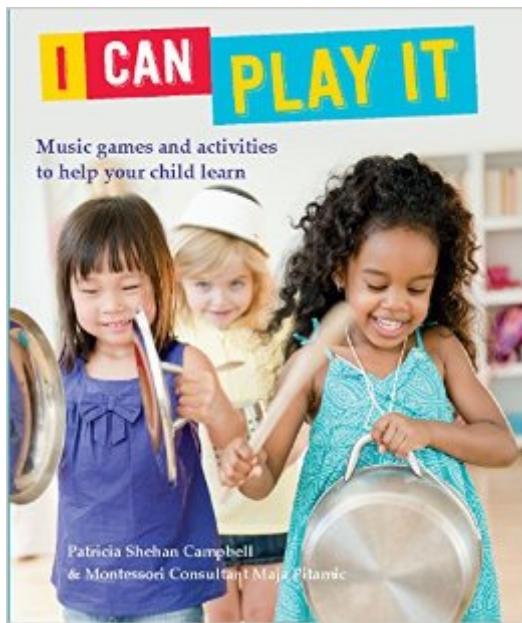


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# I Can Play It: Music Games And Activities To Help Your Child Learn



## Synopsis

Let the music play and watch the fun begin! Written by a college music professor and an author/teacher with over 18 years of experience teaching the Montessori Method, *I Can Play It* helps children explore their natural ability to interact with their environments as they make sweet musical sounds. Current scientific research has proven the importance of the musical experience in children's neuromuscular growth, cognitive-intellectual grasp, and social-emotional development. Plus, it's just so much fun! Each of the activities in this book are designed to inspire expressiveness, curiosity, imagination, and musicality. Based on sound principles of early childhood development and focused on preschoolers and kindergarteners, *I Can Play It* will help:: Introduce three- to five-year-olds to music in a joyful, hands-on wayEncourage children and parents to have fun togetherReveal the musical potential in each of us through voice and body percussionExplore the rhythm of speech and song accompanied by instruments as well as easy-to-find objects at homeMake suggestions for integrating music in everyday activities:This enjoyable guide to musical exploration is packed with kid-pleasing, skill-building activities that will keep them laughing, singing, and moving all day long. Open up the world of music to children and watch them learn how to express themselves in entertaining, educational, and enriching ways.

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This is not a children's book. This is a book for parents and/or teachers to utilize in guiding children to engage in a world of sounds - specifically making musical sounds in and around the world they inhabit. Older elementary children will have fun with a few of the activities that they can do on their

own. This activity book takes the child from banging the spoon on the pot to constructing a rubber band banjo. It will help the child to identify and learn about counting rhythm and beats. This is a HAPPY book full of joyful experiences and radiant faces. That alone would make it a pleasure to own. However, I relish in the fact that mommy will now have a guide to help her even if she, herself, is somewhat musically "challenged." Little tots already have an innate desire and ability to bang pots, plunk piano keys, sway, prance, and jiggle whenever they hear music. They have that innate ability to create joyful sounds with their voices when happy. Taking everyday objects and creating sounds and learning rhythms is one of the steps in this guidebook. Guides to nap music and a listing of a variety of compositions and composers helps in selection. There are activities in each section. Singing rhymes is covered with several well-known nursery rhyme/songs.... Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Itsy Bitsy Spider, etc..... though the music itself does not accompany the words. Basically, the book is about the sounds that are all around us and turning them into an appreciation for sounds, rhythms, and music. It is up to the parent and teacher to guide, encourage, and provide tools and resources that will fully develop a world of wonderful sounds and delightful music in the child. I Can Play It is certainly a step in the right direction and a march to the right drum. **DISCLOSURE:** I was provided a copy by Barron's Educational Services to facilitate this review. Opinions expressed are solely my own. I was not compensated for this review.

The introduction to this book is worth reading. The author helps the reader to see how music fits into the lives of civilization. Music is part of the world of expression along with drawing, painting, poetry and stories. To allow our children to develop an appreciation of music from the earliest ages will bring them joy and new learning opportunities. The author(s) , I feel do an excellent job taking the reader through the stages of introducing music to the reader. From the child of young age with clapping to using a spoon on a bowl, to making instruments like a rubber band guitar. There are sections to help the adult teach rhythm. Each page of instruction or an activity includes an extension activity. I liked the author's use of everyday objects too. This book, I believe would be valuable to a parent or teacher who wants to develop a music program for the youngest child to a child in elementary school. It looks like a lesson plan for success, a lot of learning, and a great deal of fun.\* I received this for review - all opinions are my own\*

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