

Book Review
iPod Fan Book: Go Everywhere With iPod
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Sometimes great things come in small packages. In the case of iPod books, the iPod Fan Book is a great thing in a very small package. The 6-inch by 6-inch book is packed with information in an easy to find format. It serves as a good reference to most of the iPod functions with clear color pictures throughout the book.

Chapters included in the book help you optimize your iPod experience. Learn how to record; how to use your iPod on the go, how to use Playlists, how to distribute music, Tips and Tricks, and iPod accessories. On the left pages is the list of chapters so you can easier find the one you are looking for without going back to the Table of Contents. On the right side the chapter that you are in and the section of the chapter is listed.

For those looking for an in-depth reference, this book is probably not for you. For those looking for a basic explanation on the features and functionality of the iPod, this book is for you.

Basic functions covered in the book are loading the iPod with music, organizing the music, burning CD and DVDs, using the iPod in the car, tips on battery life, picking headphones, and less common functions such as storing your schedule and addresses, and using it as a hard drive.

The book itself has a clever design. It's the size of the box the iPod comes in. The scroll wheel is pictured on a slick removable cover that doubles as a page marker.

You can find this information on Apple's website and the other iPod sites, but it's nice to have it all in one small concise book for easy reference. I used it to prepare the presentation at our January meeting. It helped me make sure I covered the basic topics and I learned a few things from it too.

My recommendation? Buy it if you want an easy to read, concise overview of the basic functionality of your iPod. It retails for \$14.95 at O'Reilly and with a 20% for Apple Users group discount you can purchase it for \$11.96 plus shipping. I found the book available at Amazon for \$10.17. Free shipping if you spend over \$25.