

Recommended Books

(Listed from beginning to more advanced)

Complete Jazz Guitar Method, Mike Christiansen, Mel Bay

Chords Galore, Jack Petersen, Mel Bay

Creative Comping for Improvisation (Vol. 1, 2 and 3), Hal Crook, Advance Music

Melodic Studies and Compositions for Guitar, Fred Hamilton, Mel Bay Publications

A Chordal Concept for Guitar, Peter O'Mara, Advance Music

The Advancing Guitarist, Mick Goodrick, Hal Leonard

The Brazilian Guitar Book, Nelson Faria, Sher Music

The Bill Evans Guitar Book, Sid Jacobs, Hal Leonard

Recommended Recordings

(listed in no particular order, all are great)

Solo Flight, Charlie Christian

April in Paris, Count Basie

Live at the Stratford Shakesperean Festival, Oscar Peterson Trio

Kenny Burrell and John Coltrane, the only guitarist documented with Trane

Crescent, John Coltrane

The Bridge, Sonny Rollins

Live, Jim Hall

Undercurrent, Bill Evans and Jim Hall

Live at the Five Spot, Thelonious Monk

The Incredible Jazz Guitar, Wes Montgomery

Live in Paris, Jimmy Raney

Virtuoso, Joe Pass

Hombre, Pat Martino

Consciousness, Pat Martino

Kind of Blue, Miles Davis

Bitches Brew, Miles Davis

Inner Mounting Flame, Mahavishnu Orchestra

Duster, Gary Burton

Hymn of the Seventh Galaxy, Chick Corea and Return to Forever

Gateway, John Abercrombie

Bright Size Life, Pat Metheny

Meant to Be, John Scofield

Quanta, Gilberto Gil

The Girl from Ipanema, Stan Getz

Free Jazz, Ornette Coleman

Urban Bushmen, the Art Ensemble of Chicago

Standards (numerous volumes, all good), Keith Jarrett

Inside Out, Keith Jarrett

Band of Gypsies, Jimi Hendrix