

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