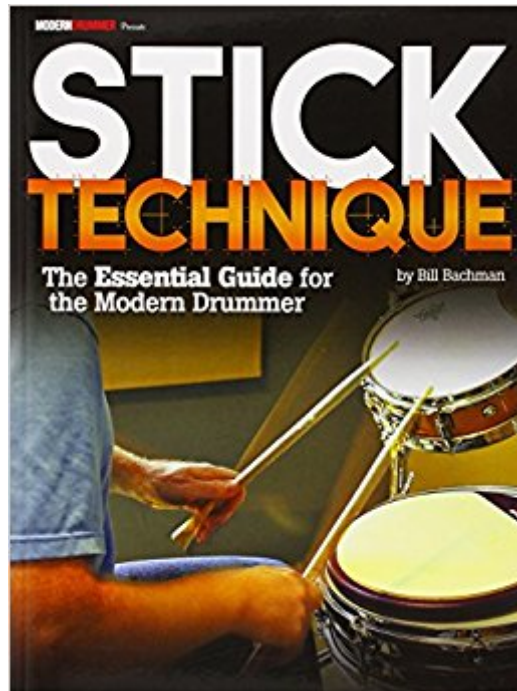




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Stick Technique The Essential Guide For The Modern Drummer



Synopsis

Culled from Bill Bachman's popular Strictly Technique articles in *Modern Drummer* magazine this book will help players develop hands that are loose stress free and ready to play anything that comes to mind. The book is for everyone who plays with sticks regardless of whether you're focusing primarily on drumset orchestral percussion or the rudimental style of drumming. Divided into three main sections *Technique Top Twelve Rudiments* and *Chops Builders* the book is designed to get you playing essential techniques correctly and as quickly as possible. Also includes a bonus section two-hand coordination and independence.

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Customer Reviews

I started playing drums again after a 30 year break but this time I decided to do it properly. I studied the book *Stick Control* (the starting point for most drummers) and started practicing basic rudiments such as single stroke and double stroke rolls and paradiddles. The problem was that even after three months of constant practice my rolls still sounded very clunky and lopsided. Then I came across Bill Bachman's videos and then this book and then things started to progress really quickly. By learning how to practice with the right stick technique my drumming became faster, more relaxed, and smoother. I highly recommend this book. Once you've mastered the basic stick holding techniques, which take a short while to fully integrate, I believe you too will make progress. Check his videos out, everything becomes clearer from his demonstrations.

I've only been playing drums for a little less than a year, and after viewing several of the author's videos, decided to order this book. Bill Bachman has an amazing skill set. Not only is he a great player, but he knows how to communicate and teach. As a 40+ year professional player and instructor of guitar and bass, I had great time and chops, but I needed help with the techniques for proper drumming. So I took a few lessons with a drummer I've played bass with for years, and he taught me a great deal in the two months we worked together. But lessons can get expensive! This is the best stick technique book I've found. In just a few weeks I've added finesse to my hands, picked up significant speed (everyone's goal) and the understanding that has made me a better player while minimizing the possibility of injury. If those skills are missing from your practice and performance, I encourage you to pick up this book it is the antidote for sloppy playing!

Bill is the man! Stick technique is the most comprehensive breakdown and analysis of drumming technique I have ever seen. Not only that, but the exercises and explanations are all arranged in a nice sequential fashion, so you have an idea of what to practice at different stages of development, and not be overwhelmed by all the techniques at once. While this is a gem of a book, I rated it four stars because reading about technique isn't always enough, and it's a good idea to check in with Bill himself just to make sure you're on right track. If reading about and applying is how you work best, however, more power to you. With Bill's mentor ship plus this guide for reference, my facility at the drums has skyrocketed-- this info is a must.

Buy this book and watch Bill Bachman online, if you want to have a lifetime of healthy drumming hands. He is the man right now for hand technique. I am a 70 year old guitarist who decided to take up drums for fun. I promptly began to damage my wrists and hands. I found out about Bill and went through his book, and this has helped my hand and wrist problems enormously. I am still drumming without pain. Lot cheaper than going to the doctor.

Bill Bachman has hit it out of the park with this one. Read the text, practice the exercises, and you will improve!! Better yet, add a Skype lesson with Bill, and you will fly even faster along the path. I use this book myself, and also purchase it for my students. Can't say enough good things about it or recommend it highly enough. Bill may be the next Freddie Gruber, and an even better version thereof.

Bachman breaks things down extremely clearly in here and, in some cases, in ways I haven't seen done before. Kudos to Bill on contributing a fantastic book to those looking to refine their technique.

All good!

Great book for proper hand technique, leading to controlled and fast open rolls and rudiments... something sorely lacking from modern drummers outside of drumlines. Even the craziest metal drummers are only ever rotating their hands in a RLRLRLRLRL pattern.

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