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## **Editorial Review**

From the Back Cover

Lay down tracks and make it to the big time — a pro shows you how!

It's a great time to start recording, because today's technology allows you to make terrific CDs in your garage instead of in an expensive studio. Of course, you need to know how to use the tools, and Jeff Strong shares the secrets in plain English. Here's how to set up a home studio, record and edit your music, master it, and even distribute your songs.

- Pick the parts — compare studio-in-a-box, computer-based, and stand-alone recording systems and choose what you need
- Create the space — learn creative ways to manage sound in the space you have
- Meet MIDI — take full advantage of Musical Instrument Digital Interface, choose the MIDI gear you need, and use it to enhance your sound
- Now hear this — find out what microphones are available, what you should have, and how to mike common instruments
- For the record — explore multitrack recording, learn to do overdubs and replace missed notes, and venture into MIDI sequencing
- Clean up your tracks — become an expert at mixing and editing, and polish your sound with effects
- Master the magic — understand the mastering process and how to prepare your music for duplication

Open the book and find:

- What your home recording studio should have
- All about mixers — analog, digital, and software
- How to work with MIDI and electronic instruments
- Secrets for getting great sound
- Where to place mikes for different effects
- Tips for getting the most from guitars, horns, pianos, and vocals
- Professional editing tips to enhance your sound
- Creative ways to market your music

About the Author

Jeff Strong is a musician and the author of seven books, including *Drums For Dummies* and *PC Recording Studios For Dummies*. He has released more than two dozen CDs and is Director of the REI Institute ([www.reiinstitute.com](http://www.reiinstitute.com)), a MusicMedicine research organization and therapy provider.

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