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Customer Reviews

This is a fine book for students who want a stiff course in algebra. The book is challenging and holds no punches in its level of difficulty. However, the student who takes the time to do the problems and read some of the examples will have the algebra that they need for pre-calculus, trigonometry, or calculus. Rational expressions, logarithms, difficult factoring problems, quadratic equations, conic sections, difference quotients, and radicals equations are all present in this book. It is the lack of mastery of these concepts that hold students back in their calculus classes. Blitzer will call your bluff if you are lacking and get you up to speed. To the other reviewers: Stop rating the shipping of this book!!!! This is just foolish. Rate the book! I am so sick and tired of erroneous rating on Amazon!

A lot of work went into the production of this book. It's physically well made, and very thoughtfully laid out. It's designed to teach algebra, and it seems that more thought has gone into achieving that

goal than any other book on the subject I've read. One example being, after a concept it laid out for you, an example is given, and then a practice problem for you to solve, and, here's the great part.. The answer is thoroughly explained right below the problem. If there are multiple answers to the question, the key part of the question is repeated in the answer. I can't stand having to go to the back of the book for the answer. There's a Pre-Algebra chapter b4 Chapter 1, and you really should already be familiar with Pre-Algebra concepts before tackling this book, but, the Pre-Algebra chapter might be enough if you've had algebra before, or you're really intelligent with Math naturally.

I have a master's degree in Electrical Engineering. I tutor students who are using this book in a community college course. In layout and in format, the book is very good. The concepts are presented in logical order, and the principles are usually explained well. My problem is that the examples and the end-of-chapter problems are full of errors. Example: Section P.6, "Rational Expressions" presents several examples to define the domain of an expression. Most of these conclude with the incorrect domain. This kind of sloppy editing can leave the student totally confused about a concept that is all-important to understand later concepts, such as systems of equations and series summations. I fully believe that the author left the basic book construction in the hands of inexperienced students. Its too bad that he did not bother with some double-checking of the work.

I repeated the class but they were now using the 6th edition, I am not seeing much difference between the 5th edition and 6th edition.

Bought for one of my college classes. It's a math book on algebra. There were a few errors in the book. There were some answers to the practice questions that were wrong. This is frustrating when you are trying to learn algebra due to having to re-work a problem multiple times, while getting the same result only to have the book give the wrong answer. Used online resources to verify the problems that were answered incorrectly in the book. Over all it served it's purpose. Kept the book after class was finished as a reference.

It clearly states "Plus NEW MyMathLab" but it did not come with an access code, which cost me an additional \$90! If you're going to say it comes with something, my advice would be to actually send the buyer what you promise them..

Very much liked the review of the prerequisite math rules needed to make progress with algebra. Good examples, good practice problems.

If you take the time to read the book it is engaging and sometimes funny. The author explains the math very well using real-world situations. The application problems are great for bringing the concepts home.

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