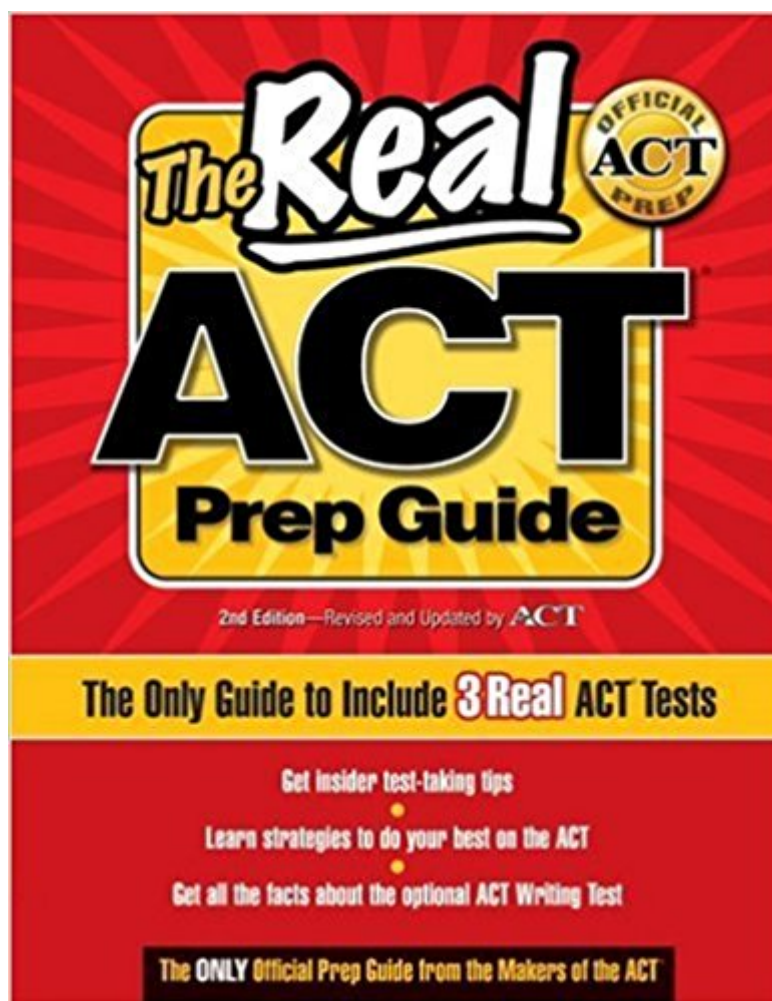


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Customer Reviews

This is a great study tool for the ACT. It contains three actual ACT tests from previous years, which is very helpful. Often other books try to create similar questions to what you would find on the ACT, but no source would be more reliable for accurate use tools than the maker, who provides its own questions. This book starts with some general format, content, strategies, sample questions, and a few tips, as well as a thorough explanation of the sample question answers. The next section is the set of actual ACT tests and their answers. I really like this section because, as I said, they are real test questions that have really been asked. I also like that the answer descriptions are thorough including both the reason the correct answer is correct and the reason that the incorrect answers are incorrect. Sometimes, especially on the math section, it even says something like, "If you put b, you incorrectly thought that..." This type of explanation is especially nice because ACT intentionally plants incorrect answers that a student would get by making common mistakes. Of course, this book won't be very useful except as a gauge as to where you currently are unless time is taken to read the explanations and look for patterns in both question types and answers options. That can be a lot of work, but will pay dividends. One thing that will help very much in this effort is to also purchase

the ACT Black Book. That author has done a lot of the hard work for you in compiling common types of correct and incorrect answers and looking for patterns that will help you solve ACT questions with less time and even less previous experience (especially in science). All these tricks are very useful, but I can't ignore the other necessary tool to a successful ACT...taking classes seriously! As important as it can be to understand the types of questions on ACT and to do lots of practice tests to evaluate where you need more work, basic knowledge of the topics covered will help tremendously...which means that exposure to and understanding of more topics throughout the HS years is going to improve your score! Good luck!

This is the only ACT prep book that contains 3 actual, retired ACT tests, and hence it is the best book available. All other ACT prep books contain tests created by the test prep company, and they are NOT THE SAME as an actual test! They may look the same, but don't be fooled! The amount of work and expertise that goes into developing an actual ACT test is staggering, and it cannot be duplicated by Kaplan, Barron's, Princeton Review, etc. I make my living providing ACT prep, and this is the only book I use. I give it 5 stars, but with a warning: if you own the 2005 edition, don't buy the new one. The practice tests and study materials are exactly the same. The new edition does provide some updated information about test norms, but this is a single page of data, and is essentially meaningless to about 99% of the users of this book. I thought it was misleading, even dishonest, to advertise this as an updated product, but nonetheless, this is still the only book I recommend.

Anyone taking the college tests would know the burden it is to carry this thing around. However, it was very helpful in the tests it had. Taken the ACT twice now, I have found that other books that claim to have "exact same format questions" tend to be b.s. The other books are easier than the real ACT and when I went in, felt very overwhelmed. Then I got this book and when I went in the second time, I felt VERY PREPARED. I raised my score 3 points (which is really good if you talk to any student). If you want to get the maximum out of this, I recommend actually taking the pages of test out of the book, stapling it all together, take out the bubble sheet, setting that to the side, and carving out 4 1/2 hours in a day to take the full test with a timer by your side and the results/answer sheet far away from you. That way you get an accurate score and, with the book's help, understand what you did wrong. The math reasons can get confusing (which is the one star drop), but overall I felt prepared going into the ACT. Good Luck to everyone!

I've taught ACT Test Prep for many years, and I think this text is one of the best tools to use for shorter preparation courses. The real "retired" test questions give authenticity to test practice, unlike other test prep programs that use only simulations. The individual subject reviews in this text are a bit lean, especially the English review. If you have time, you will want to supplement the English section with more comprehensive Grammar, Usage, and Sentence Structure tutoring. This text does give a very good explanation of the test itself as well as how to understand the scoring, etc.

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