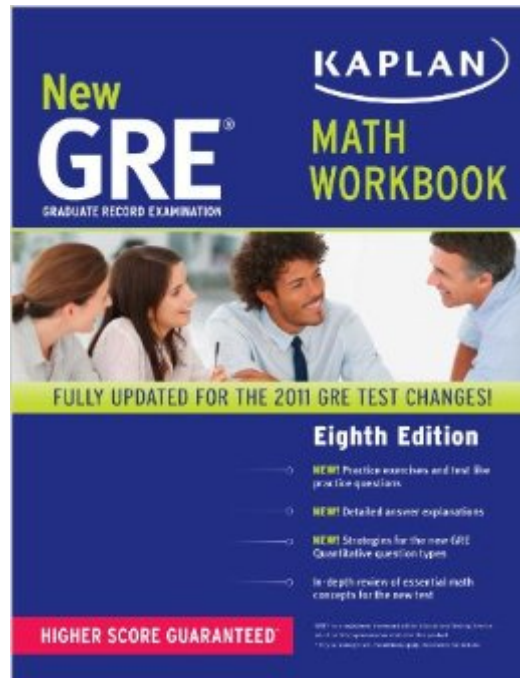


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## Customer Reviews

I had the revised GRE last week. I guess as most GRE takers, you want to do your best to prepare, and as ETS changed their format, you are left only with the POWERPREPP II. At this point I must say that the POWERPREPP II is an excellent preparation and you should also download all the material from the ETS website and make sure you understand all the concepts as they will be asked on the test! On the contrary, the Kaplan Math workbook is just not good at that! It will only add to your frustration. Firstly, it DOES NOT cover all the new additions in the revised GRE, i.e. Statistics. They just changed the name of the title! Secondly, it is full of errors. These include questions that

suffer from ambiguity, which ETS will never pose, and just plain WRONG answers. Thirdly, if you choose to work on the CD, you will notice typesetting errors. Lastly, the questions are either dumb or complicated for the sake of being complicated. It looks that Kaplan did not invest a lot of their time to come up with these questions. So why two stars and not one star? I guess there was merit in finding mistakes in Kaplan's questions. To conclude, I would not recommend buying this!

I just took the GRE this week and lucky for me I used additional study materials to prep because I don't even want to think what kind of score I would have received had I solely relied on this Kaplan book. The math on the GRE is much more difficult than the math you will encounter in this book. It's good for brushing up on basic math concepts if it has been awhile since your last math class but don't rely on this for practice problems. Magoosh.com is a really good online prep system for practice problems. I highly recommend it.

I certainly did better on the GRE having studied with this book than if I had done no preparation at all. I started with the second part of the book which reviews basic math, algebra, and geometry. There are tons of practice problems, which are divided into basic, intermediate, and advanced categories. The first half of the book explains the different question types and has six full-length practice sections. I was satisfied with the number of practice problems and the layout of the book. What bothered me is that I consistently scored almost 100% correct on all of their practice sections. I went to the GRE confident that I would do very well. I was surprised by how unprepared I was to answer many of the more challenging questions. Kaplan's book does not do enough preparation for statistics questions or very difficult geometry questions, which is an unfortunate thing to learn when you're in the middle of taking the test. I did get a good score but not as good as my practice test scores indicated I should have gotten. This book is also full of typos and errors, which is very frustrating when you're trying to learn a new math concept, and you don't know whether the answer key is trustworthy. I found at least a dozen. It needs some serious editing. I didn't use any other materials besides the ETS practice test to prepare, so I can't compare it to other popular books. However, if you do decide to use this, I suggest coupling it with something else.

Ok I started out with the *The Ultimate Math Refresher for the GRE, GMAT, and SAT* which is a great basic math review. The *Kaplan Math Workbook* is my secondary guide and I like that it breaks the problems down by level of difficulty. While the book suggests you do the GRE Practice Problems 1st and then review the topics that you need to I would ONLY recommend that for

someone who has strong math skills. I would do the practice sets in the Math Review FIRST and then go to the front of the book for the Quantitative set in the GMAT format. Just my two cents. Oh and I gave the book only 4 stars because some of the explanations are not very clear. Then again, I am NOT a math genius so I just need a greater explanation than the average person studying for the GRE.

This prep book does a few things absolutely right, but there is no doubt that it falls short. First the good - every concept that appears on the quantitative reasoning section is perfectly explained at a level that is effective for its target audience. Going through the book, I constantly furrowed my brow at a confusing problem, flipped to the solution, and only had to read a few lines before saying "ohh of course!" And this is an efficient method if the goal is to study intensely and achieve the highest possible score on this section. However, most of us who are purchasing this remedial review of mathematics (as opposed to taking a class, etc.) are not expecting a perfect score. We merely want an acceptable one. And a better method for this audience would be to explicitly list the harder types of problems that appear on the test. I know that this can be a bit subjective, but it is necessary for people like me who shouldn't be memorizing the quadratic formula. Such an emphasis was placed on quadratics and fractions covered in exponents! I did not encounter a single question that required the quadratic formula on the test. Meanwhile, Kaplan only devoted a page or two to factorials - something that haunted me on test day, showing up in 5 or 6 questions (it seemed.) But it earns a solid 3 stars. I got a 156 on the math section, having practiced no math for six years.

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