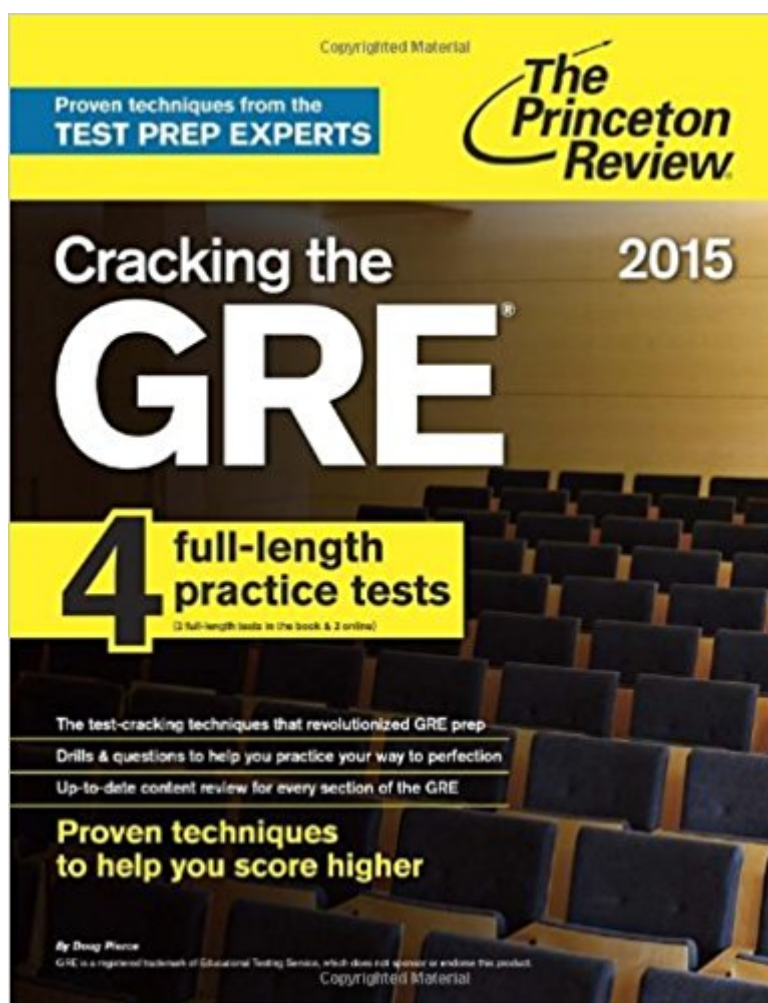


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So I just took the GRE this afternoon. I am (quite) a few years out of school and a parent to two young children so had very limited time to prep: a few two hour stretches on weekends and 45 minutes max during the baby's naps. This is the only book I bought after reading reviews of many. The book is really good for giving you a good overview of what the test is looking for and tips on how to be a better test taker. The tips were actually techniques I had not thought of and were helpful. The writing and verbal reviews were comprehensive and helpful. I did NOT do the vocab matching practice as it was too tedious. The math section: I don't know but I found the practice problems super frustrating. Other reviewers found mistakes, so I sort of stopped in order to not confuse myself. The math section is very helpful for reviewing the concepts, especially the geometry. I used the ETS math review PDF (free on the ETS website) for practice problems, as well as the ETS powerprep software for practice tests. I didn't touch the full length practice tests in this book. My findings were that the ETS verbal sections in powerprep were extremely similar to the real test. The quantitative section was more difficult in the real test than the powerprep but not as frustrating/ confusing as the practice questions in this book. I believe the math review concepts are great but I would do practice questions elsewhere. The overall tips and techniques for approaching the verbal and the writing portions, and the verbal practice questions, as well as the math concept review do make this book worth getting.

This book is decent for the theory on taking the test by including what shortcuts exist and how to whittle down choices. With its practice questions however the book is disappointing. I have done three sections of math so far and each one has a problem where the question and the answer key

list different values. Some are simple enough to work around once you see them explained in the key (i.e.  $3 \times 4 = 14$ ) but when trying to (re)learn this math not being able to trust the book or wasting time on problems that are impossible to solve because of typos is not fun. The book also has numerous spelling typos which while they don't detract from the content, they will make you more hesitant to trust this book as much as you would like.

Been using this book for the past 2 months to study for my GRE happening in 4 days. I've been taking the tips and hints very seriously as this is my first time taking it and would like to do very well and make this my first and only time (the test is \$200 a pop, I don't want to have to redo it) however I am now on the math section and I have struggled with math all my life but have just found a math error blatantly obvious to me. I then recognized a few other errors and I am not even that far into the math section. It makes me wonder how many other errors were made in the sections I studied and how I just believed them because I figured a test prep book for such an important test would have been double and triple checked??? We will see how I do on the GRE. It's too late now for me to buy a better book and so I am a bit peeved. All I can do now is hope for the best and keep potential buyers from making this same mistake. If I do well on the GRE it will not be from the help in this book

I have taken the GRE twice. This book alone helped me improve from a 152, 150 to a 157, 156. The questions are incredibly realistic to what the test uses, and if you memorize the strategies, you can pretty much see through all the trap answers on the test. I did not take any prep courses, so this book was my GRE bible. I cannot recommend it enough. If anything, I recommend the premium version that has more practice tests. Also, the 2 online tests are life savers. Switching from a paper format to a computer based one is more difficult than you would think, so it's great being able to work with the exact GRE computer program before the real test (it is necessary to adapt to the GRE's crappy analogue calculator!) Much more, the online tests are graded immediately, and you even get personal feedback within a few days of your written essays!

I thought this book prepared me well for the GRE. I studied this an online materials for approximately 3 months before the test. I had been out of college for 16 years. I scored high enough to get into a Information Tech masters, I was a liberal arts major so the math portion helped a lot

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