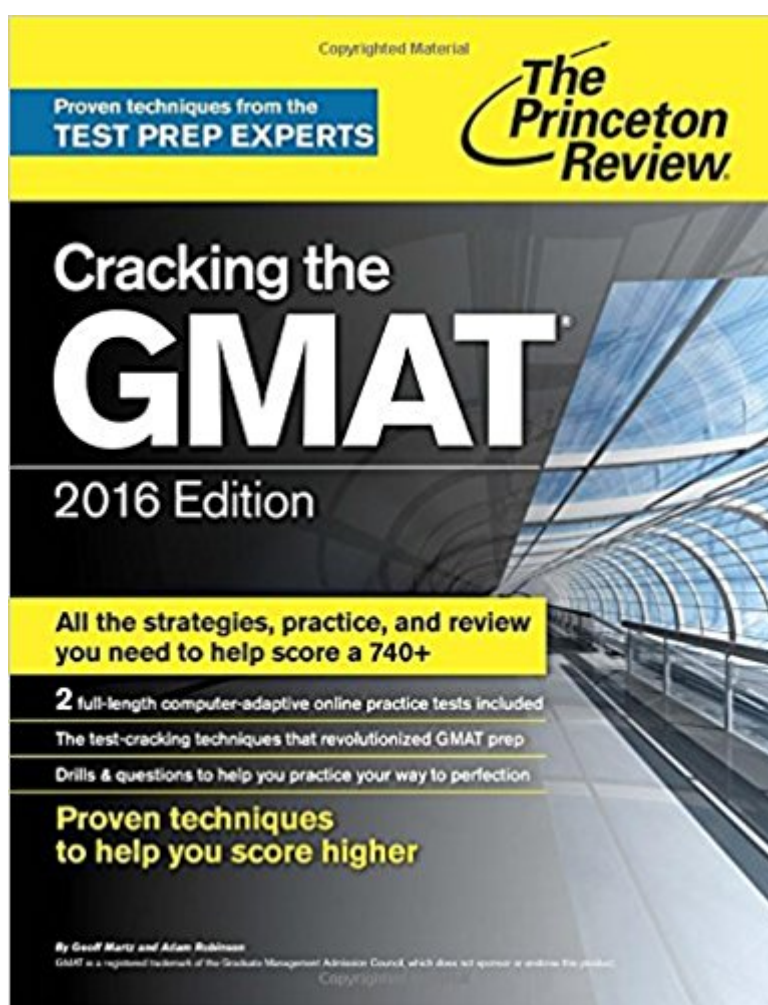


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Customer Reviews

Adam Robinson graduated from Wharton before earning a law degree at Oxford University in England. Robinson, a rated chess master, devised and perfected the Joe Bloggs approach to beating standardized tests in 1980, as well as numerous other core Princeton Review techniques. A

freelance author of many books, Robinson has collaborated with the Princeton Review to develop a number of its courses. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I took the GMAT without studying at all years ago and scored in the upper 80s. Had I used this studyguide, I'm sure I could have cracked the 90s. This study guide provides a wealth of knowledge about how the GMAT is scored, as well as strategies to taking the test and how to approach different kinds of problems. The only down-side is that the only way you can get official GMAT questions is by buying the office GMAT book. Also, this book seems to be geared towards the middle of the road test-takers, making large portions of it not very helpful if you are already a decent test taker.

The book is divided into 5 parts: Math review, Verbal review, Analytical writing review, Review GMAT and a Practice GMAT. Math: I felt like the Math review section was really good. It covers all the topics with good depth and I found that I felt very well prepared for the Math section after going through this book. It might have had something to do with my Engineering background, but I don't think people without that should have a problem either. Maybe you'd require more time, but this book covers enough material to boost your confidence! Verbal: I was a bit disappointed with this section. Not that it wasn't good, but I just thought that it just didn't provide me with enough information to get a great score on this section. Like a previous reviewer said, it doesn't give a good review of grammar. Also, I found their Reading Comprehension strategy really weird. I have never heard anyone doing that (reading sections, jumping to questions) and getting a good score and I wouldn't recommend that. It might get you through the RC much faster, but I wouldn't recommend it. AWA: Adequate enough. In my opinion, no book can teach you how to write. The review gives you an idea of what kind of material is expected and give you a general feel for the section. So like I said, its adequate. The two tests, which are to be taken online, are good practice for the real thing. Except that the UI doesn't look anything like what the real GMAT looks like, so don't try and learn the UI from these tests. This book is not the complete solution, but its a good starting point. Try Kaplan's prep book for the Verbal section.

For those who need to conceptualize the GMAT holistically prior to drilling down deeper into different topics/question types, the Princeton Review's guide covers the high points while sparing you the details of more advanced strategies/subjects. This obviously weakens the impact of the material but, if you're using it as a primer to the GMAT, can be billed as an advantage -

overwhelming yourself at the beginning will only trigger a spiral of anxiety that undermines all your confidence by test day. Likewise, I found the (apparently unpopular) POE strategies and shortcuts refreshing; amidst the realization that you have a LOT to cover in a short amount of time, those heuristics serve to remind you that, hey, at the end of the day this is a multiple choice test like the thousands of others you've taken. I would recommend blasting through this over the course of a weekend or week to learn test topics and formats quickly then purchase a few more advanced guides for honing in on your suspect areas of weakness. Good luck!

Book is easy to read. Some of their tips are helpful. However, I would be cautious about situations when they start bringing in their favorite character 'Joe Bloggs'. This character is assumed to be an average person and some of their tips are based on how this person would think and attempt the questions. I would never recommend the approach based on Joe Bloggs for a few reasons: 1) it requires you to first understand what average really means and this is very relative. For instance, I consider myself above average (scored a 800 on GRE math), but in some one else's opinion who is much better than me, I could be an average. Also, we all have areas where we tend to differ in strengths/weaknesses. So how do you define 'average'? Unless one can think of an average Joe for Math and an average Joe for verbal, I am certain that some one trying to identify the Joe Blogg's answer will most likely end up picking the wrong answer. 2) You may end up spending more time in the test trying to figure out how Joe Blogg's would think than if you actually attempted to answer the question using a straight forward approach. The rest of the stuff in the book should be helpful.

My only complaint about this book is that I wish they organized it better with the practice problems after each section. For example, section on the probability. They should put 20 to 100 probability problems right after the section which will be similar to the examples they give with progressive difficulty, so that the reader has a chance to practice immediately while it is fresh in their mind. Similarly with other sections. They do have problem buckets in the middle of the book with answers, which is great, but it is not as organized as I would like. Other than that the book is great and teaches you how think as GMAT writers think when they come up with the questions and how to avoid traps.

This book provides a good set of practice questions, ordered by difficulty level. This is a nice feature to reinforce weak areas, but is not enough to be your main source aid to prepare for the GMAT. The test taking techniques are good, but not for everyone. For instance, I couldn't get used to applying

most of them, but they must be useful for some people. Also, the online material (2 CAT'S) didn't really convince me because they had a flaw in the timing, and the feedback isn't as thorough as Kaplan's CAT's. On the upside, I found the Math review to be quite on target and should be easy to grasp for people with non quantitative backgrounds. Overall, the the Princeton Review is good to have as secondary reference and for consult when another view is needed, but it shouldn't be your only source. I'd recommend to get this book with the Official GMAT Review by GMAC.

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