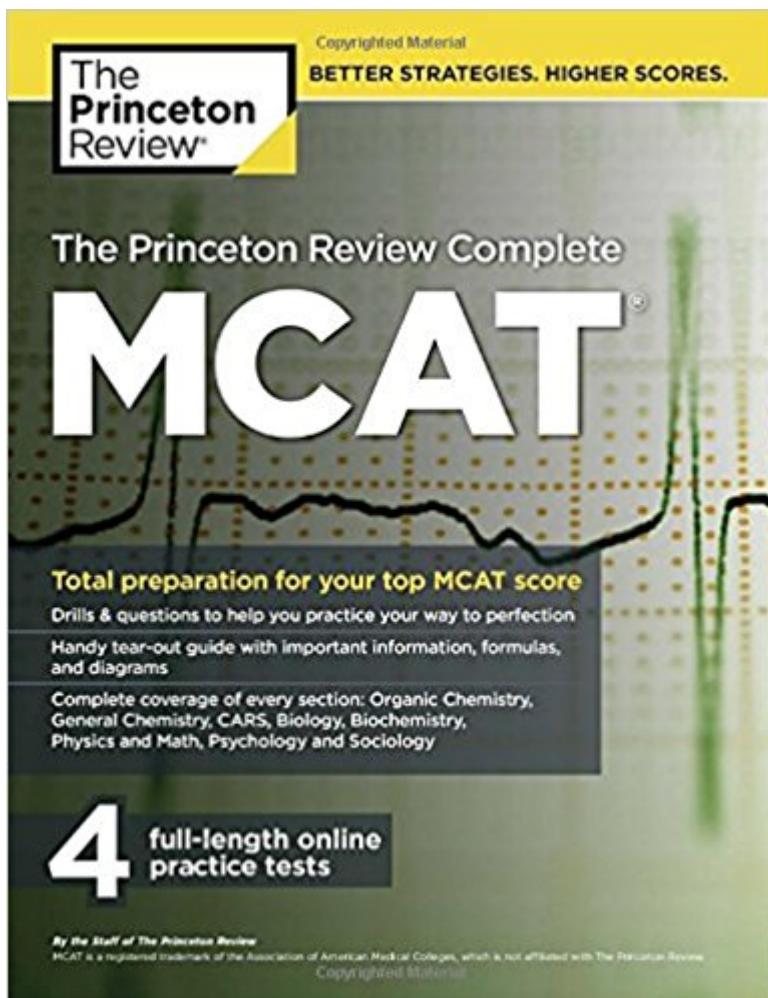


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Customer Reviews

I just took the MCAT a few days ago, and I used this book to prepare (among other resources). Quite a mixed bag. **THE GOOD**-This book provides a pretty good review of general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics. It covers all the topics (and some extra ones) and actually provides some useful strategies to remember certain concepts (electrochemistry conventions, physics formulas, etc.)-There are freestanding questions at the end of each chapter to test your basic knowledge of all the core concepts**THE BAD**-The psychology/sociology section is not sufficient preparation for the real MCAT. It doesn't cover many topics sufficiently in depth, omits other topics altogether, and provides only definitional information. The real MCAT makes you apply concepts to data and real world situations, so definitional ("flashcard") knowledge definitely isn't enough. Do not rely on this section exclusively for your preparation.-There are some mistakes in this book that are frankly unacceptable. For example, it provides an inaccurate description of the deviations from ideality in the van der Waals equation for gases. These are mistakes that should have been caught by proper proofreading. It reeks of laziness.-The practice tests included online are not great. The real MCAT has a lot of experiment interpretation in the 3 science sections; the practice tests from Princeton Review are far too focused on testing memorized information. The CARS section does provide a better representation of what you'll find on the actual test, but the other science sections do not. There is also little information on how it assigns scores to your practice exams.-The advice for the CARS section, in my opinion, is not very good.

I don't typically take the time to write a product review. However, this book needs to be reviewed. I purchased this, like many others to refresh on the basics for the 2015 MCAT. Many reviewers have already mentioned that it is not great for content, but the value comes from the four included practice exams. I will review the material and the questions separately. First, the book you are purchasing is not the complete material that is offered from TPR, you must download supplemental information from their website. This includes practice passages for each chapter of the book, a skin section, and a math refresher section. Since I purchased a book, it could be assumed that I prefer to have the hard copy of my study materials, instead of using it on screen. So, that required me to use a considerable amount of tone and paper to print all of the supplemental material "included" with the book. The structure of material is atrocious at best. It is ordered in such a manner that it will present questions on information that is two-to-three chapters ahead. Even if you don't utilize the questions, the layout still isn't in any order that would allow someone who needed a detail review on the material to easily understand. Some of the explanations or in chapter review questions will reference a previous page's example, which doesn't exist. For instance, an in chapter example for

the physics section, chapter 38, is trying to reference a idea or previous pages example problem. It will usually say something along the lines of "using problem 7.2", Chapter 7 is Biochemistry, this is consistent with the lack of formatting a proofreading that was done on this book.

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