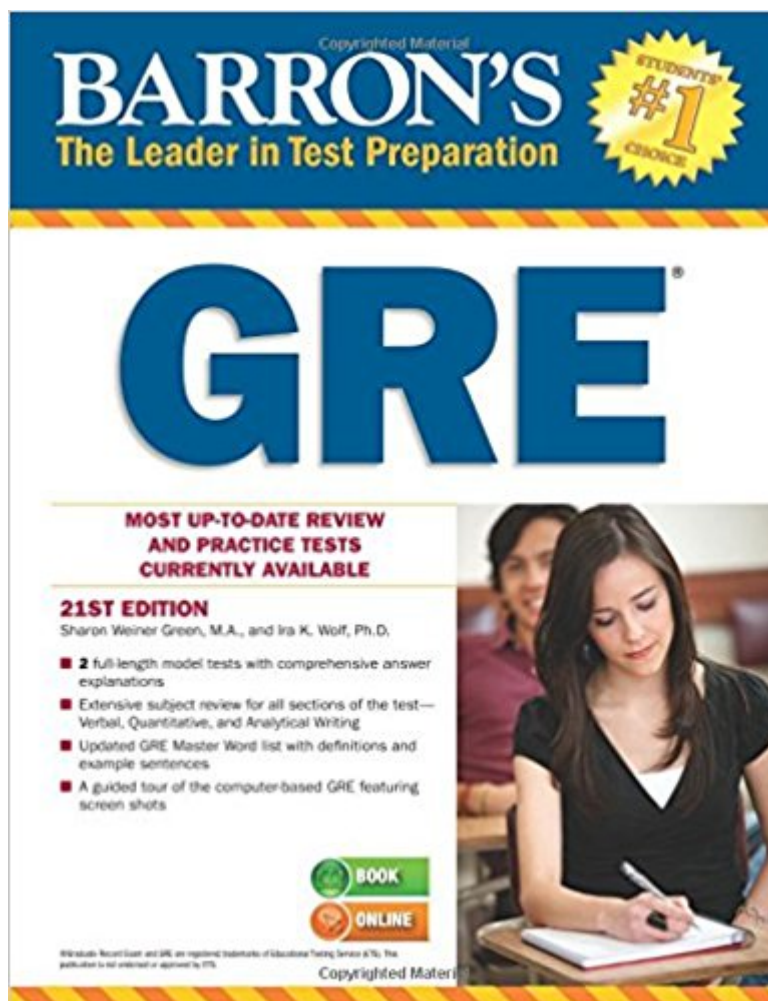


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I purchased this book knowing I mainly needed to study math for the GRE but also hoping to use the Master List of GRE vocab. The mathematics sections are helpful; the book explains the importance of moving through problems in the quickest possible way even without fully solving. It then goes on to dissect individual problems and how to use various methods to move through them quickly. Even with the step by step directions on each problem, I couldn't understand the math. I hired a tutor to assist me in studying, which could be my math ability or it could be the book's explanations. She found the book generally helpful as we worked through problems and their easiest solutions. I studied math the day of the test and 4 of the 10 problems I studied that morning showed up on the test. The English master list was what it was. I made flashcards of the words I didn't know and really studied hard. None of those words were on the GRE. There was challenging vocab, but I was familiar with it from being a reader and not because of the book. All in all, this book was helpful and I don't know if I would have had as much structure or guidance in how to study without it.

Good prep book for math, but comparatively wimpy on verbal. The level of difficulty of the questions is similar to the Official GRE books. I would suggest getting the official books and using this book to augment your prep. I bought it for a class. Definitely recommend taking a class for anyone wishing to take the GRE, especially since our instructor had some better strategies than the ones offered in this book. Also this book is virtually identical to the 20th Edition, but with changed font/typeface formatting.

I initially began studying for the GRE with Barron's, and while I felt that it provided me a great word list and a long math review, I realized that it nowhere had the kind of complicated questions that I found on ETS's free practice material. I then bought the ETS book, even though half of it can be found for free on their website, including Powerprep, which is basically what is on their CD. I wanted their material in book format and most importantly I wanted their practice questions, which I felt challenged me on a whole other level. All of their content is so much harder than Barron's, and they also cover some math concepts that Barron's surprisingly didn't touch much on, like graphs, box plots, etc. They even list examples of essay responses, which Barron's didn't do (surprisingly vacuous section of the book). I'm glad I bought the ETS book - I do not want to be surprised on the day of the test. Barron's was definitely a weaker version of ETS, although I think it's not bad if you need a general overview of everything and you have a couple of months to do it. Then you can buy another book (like I did the ETS) depending on the areas you need more practice on.

This book gave a clear explanation of what to expect when taking the GRE. I found the practice tests and sample questions to be very different than the exam. I highly recommend getting the textbook that is produced by the manufacturer of the GRE. It'd much more relevant and a better predictor of outcome.

This is the best book over that of even The Princeton Review. I bought the Princeton Review because of the recommendations; however, Barron's explains the monotonous math much better -- and I am good at math! Go with this one!

I knew I needed to brush up on math concepts and Barron's seemed like the best book to go about review in them. The book was pretty much what I was expecting and exactly what I needed for a lot of quant review/practice problems. I paired it with the Princeton Review book which I think is clearer in explaining general strategies, but Barron's is what I needed for getting a more nitty-gritty review of the specific quant topics/lots of math drills I'd forgotten since high school. Overall definitely worth the purchase!

Would not recommend this book as primary/first-choice for GRE prep. Not enough content to pass GRE with just this book. It would be better to use this as secondary or last resort for practice purposes.

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