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Customer Reviews

The book covers everything you need to know pretty much. It's a concise book (there's no B.S.), so if you are unsure of concepts just look it up online like I did. A lot of the stuff was foreign to me, but I'm glad the book outlined what exactly I needed to learn. The best part about the book hands down is the practice tests you can take on the REA website. I found those tests to be very similar to the actual CLEP exam.

This book is horrible! After loving the CLEP Financial Accounting Book from REA, I thought this one would be good, too. It's not. It's only a very, very light review of the topic, and even then, it is horribly written and not organized at all. It also doesn't tell you what acronyms stand for (i.e. LRAS is Long-Run Aggregate Supply); nope, just started using the acronyms. The only way this book would be use is if you took econ last year in high school and want to test out of it as a college freshman. That's about it. For someone who hasn't take econ in over 10 years, get Macroeconomics Demystified. I studied it in just three days and passed! Plus, it's half the price of this book.

I just took the CLEP exam and passed with a little cushion, (50 to pass and I got 55). This book alone would not have cut it but I'm glad I had it. The fog cleared and what made the MOST difference was Macroeconomics Demystified by August Swanenberg. Without that book I would not have passed.

It's a bit too basic. It's also really only about 68 pages of actual economics information... it has a worthless 10 pages of intro called "About the Exam" that tells you things like "get a good night's sleep". So, that part was pointless. The practice tests take up 85 pages, so that is the bulk of the book. The author shows many (not all) of the graphs "backwards" from what you conventionally see - i.e., he has flipped the X and Y axis. It is unclear why he has done this, and it is a bit annoying for anyone who is used to looking up an X-value to determine the value you would solve for on Y-axis. The author also chooses to selectively insert some of his own (irrelevant) beliefs into the book, which are more economic opinion instead of economic fact, and often has statements like "A good economist should do all of these" to fluff up short sections. Economics Demystified seems like

a much more robust book for learning.

I found this CLEP book to be ok. It is not an easy reader unless you already have some background in the subject. I have found that studying for the CLEP can be done pretty much free. The online exams are nice and do provide you with somewhat of a starting point and individual feedback based on your answer selections and overall performance.

Used the practice exams and got a 68 on the CLEP. I did use microeconomics demystified to get through the material though but it was an overkill. This manual alone would have been enough. These practice tests are the most helpful though.

Is there an option for half a star? This book was a total waste. Extremely unclear and confusing, there are lots of graphs and no real explanation. This might be good for people that already know macroeconomics VERY well and have studied for this already - and could be a very advanced review. There are few examples and limited explanations. I'm studying with instacert.com and finding it much more helpful.

I scored above the minimum requirement of 50/80, with a 67/80. However, I credit the practice tests, re-reading them over and over and over again which helped me most. I began to memorize the correlations between two phenomenon - whether one will cause the other to increase/decrease, ect. The questions were a bit more difficult than the actual Clep test. Which is not a bad thing. Though, the explanations to the answers essentially stated, "it is (C) because (C)" (it is because it is) The convoluted explanations, variety of acronyms (lacking any explanation of their meaning), limited analysis of relationships among phenomenon, no bulletpoint/concise summaries of important/core relationships and information, ect. I took the diagnostic test 3-4 months after I took it the first time. I scored below 40 each time. Zero improvement. Though, obviously I did well on the test. Additionally, I did well enough on both practice tests (56 and 63). Why is the diagnostic test like this? I feel as though it is designed to convince the test takers to feel as if this REA book has helped increase their scores exponentially (so they will buy another REA book). Though not impressed, and would buy another study book to learn content if I did it over again, I did pass. Some of the info I have had some exposure to as well; I was finishing my last semester of my political science degree alongside studying for this test. So....I suggest buying it for the great test questions if you have the money to spare after purchasing a better study material.

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