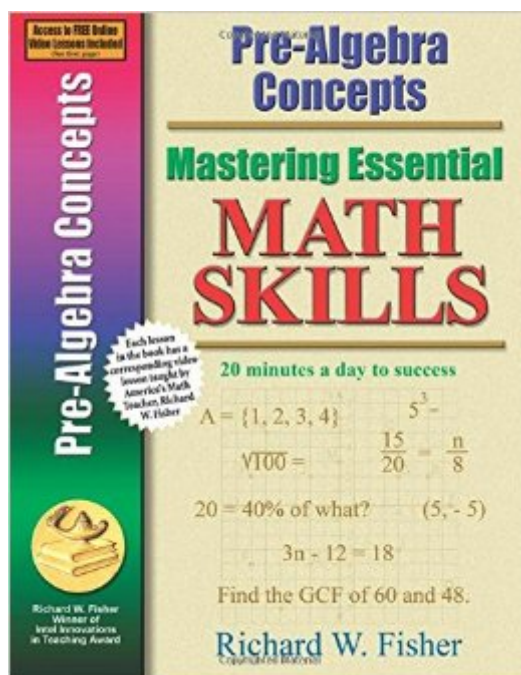


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# Pre-Algebra Concepts (Mastering Essential Math Skills)



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I picked this title up to brush up my pre-algebra skills for a college placement test and it went really fast but I gave it a low rating because the typos in this book are incredible - I can't believe an average level proof reader didn't catch the mistakes in the answers - if I were more faint of heart, I

would be totally confused. The mistakes are needless - answer 9 instead of 19,  $n$  being referenced in an equation that only involved  $x$ , just silly stuff. I would not recommend this if your math skills are not pretty fresh or your confidence level strong enough so that you know the answer you got is right and the answer key has a typo almost every other page. All in all, even with those misgivings, I was pretty impressed that my review went that quickly - knocked off the book in about 5 days of casual test reviews while watching tv. Much credit must be given to the author's simplicity of teaching methodology - putting a simple rule out there, show how it works, then ask the reader to work on several (average 17) problems on that rule. Then check yourself on the answer key and move on. The last time I did math was 40 years ago but it came back lickity split. Though I still have no clue why we needed to know all that stuff but I guess I didn't go into a science profession but my husband who did, feels the same way. But like a good Jeopardy program, this book can be taken lightly for a quick refresher, warts and all, just to test yourself and get some understanding of where you are on pre-algebra. It doesn't hurt to stay one step ahead of my kid to keep him impressed. And it's never too late to go back to college to pursue an in-demand as opposed to esoteric profession of starry eyed youth. Money pays the bills and boring but practical, in demand careers should never be underestimated.

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I bought this workbook for my son to use during the summer to brush up on his skills prior to starting algebra. Although it is laid out in an easy to use format, the errors in the answer key are numerous. There are 4 incorrect answers in the first 6 pages alone. To me, that is unacceptable. If you do purchase it, know that you can not trust the answer key.

I teach my children at home and would recommend this workbook to all home school families. It is easy to follow, takes the student through the pre-algebra concepts by building on skills. I am on my 4th child introducing pre-algebra concepts and I would not use any other tool. I was so excited to find the Mastering Essential Math books a few years ago. It has simplified my life as teacher and my children excel in math as a direct result of using this material. My daughter scored 98% on her mathematics college entrance exam a few years ago and we attribute much of her success to these books. Thank you Richard W. Fisher.

I teach a remedial math class in middle school. This book has helped out a lot with planning lessons and ideas to teach or reteach my students. We work on these assignments daily and it is already helping many of my students. Great book!

This book is terrible. I'm tired of having to try to explain to the students how they are not necessarily wrong just because the answer key tells them they are wrong. There are sometimes MULTIPLE errors in the answer key PER PAGE! This is a very sloppy book.

Interesting and very helpful. The only thing is that some of the answers are incorrect. This makes it difficult to know if you are doing everything correct.

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