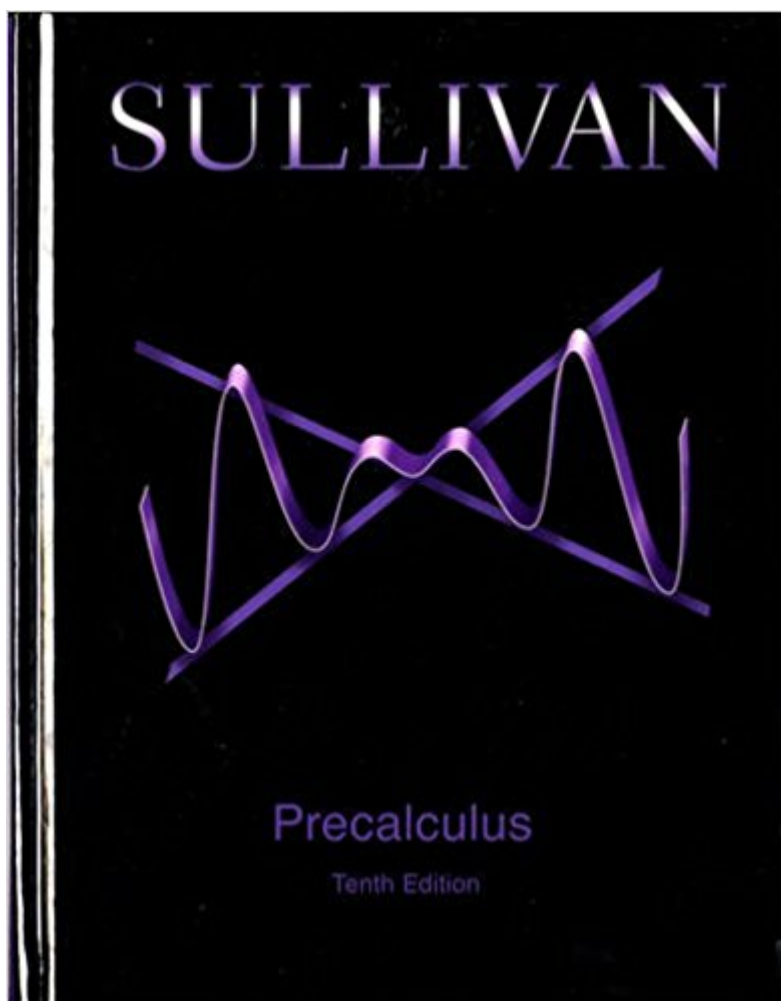


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Customer Reviews

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award in 1997 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007. In addition, he represents TAA on the Authors Coalition of America. ~ ~ Mike has been writing textbooks for more than 35 years and currently has 15 books in print, twelve with Pearson Education. When not writing, he enjoys tennis, golf, gardening, and travel. ~ ~ Mike has four children: Kathleen teaches college mathematics; Michael III teaches college mathematics and is his coauthor on two precalculus series; Dan works in publishing; and Colleen teaches middle-school and secondary school mathematics. Twelve grandchildren round out the family. ~ ~

This book is a great book. I am able to figure out most of the exercises from the the given examples and explanations, but some answers won't make any sense if the student hasn't been given previous experience, as lets say the distance from the origin is $3\sqrt{3}$; which confused me at first, but for college freshmen is a little rough, especially in an early chapter. Other then what I just described, the book is an amazing math text book. On the other hand, with all the changes and requirements in to days schools, the text book may probably be right on track. With all the revised certification requirements for universities, most universities may now be requiring freshmen take supplementary algebra courses before attending university classes, which can be done at a junior college; which many universities parallel with a junior college anyway. Beings the Precalculus (10th Edition) by Michael Sullivan, is such a good book, I am not sure I want to return it. I may need this book for three semesters, and depending how long ETSU wants to use this book, it may be cost effective for me to purchase it. I may have gotten a little off track with this evaluation, but with the right text book what I said all folds together, which what is happening with this text book.

I usually hate math textbooks but this is one of the better ones out there. It's designed in such a way as to be helpful at all levels. A section is always introduced with a prereq quiz so you know what prereqs are making the new concept difficult for you. It even points to an appendix with help on the material in question. This feature is really amazing because a difficult topic becomes easy once you know what your roadblocks are. It provides clear introductions to new concepts and then points you to a similar problem you can try out right after each objective is explained (the hands-on approach). What's amazing is that it's still a rigorous and sometimes challenging book while being very accessible for most. The problems range from the easy "check your understanding" type to more challenging mastery problems. I found this book to be more rigorous than the other precalc text I had to buy for a trig class. Somehow, it still managed to be understandable too.

This book is pretty good. It only has one problem: there are no exercise problems in the book! It comes with mymathlab which means that the problems for each chapter, which are a few, are accessed online and the only way you can access the online information is if your professor created an account with the website. My professor did not, so guess what? No problems for me to work with and in math it's crucial to practice, practice, practice, if you want the material to stick. Anyways, all I can do with this book is learn from the examples and then I go to my school library, check out the full textbook from there, and make copies of the exercise problems so I may work on them. If your professor is not going to create an account with the book's website it is better if you buy the original textbook, with no mymathlab!

I've actually used this book many years earlier when I was taking the precalculus course and found the book quite helpful because the numerous intro-chapter examples were understandable and practical to follow. I'm using it now as a refresher. The only problem I've encountered is finding the correct solutions manual. If anyone can assist along those lines, I'd certainly appreciate it.

As described.

This book is still written like most math books in that if you want things in laymen terms, you are out of luck. Although some of the examples help, you will still end up on Youtube looking for most of your math help.

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