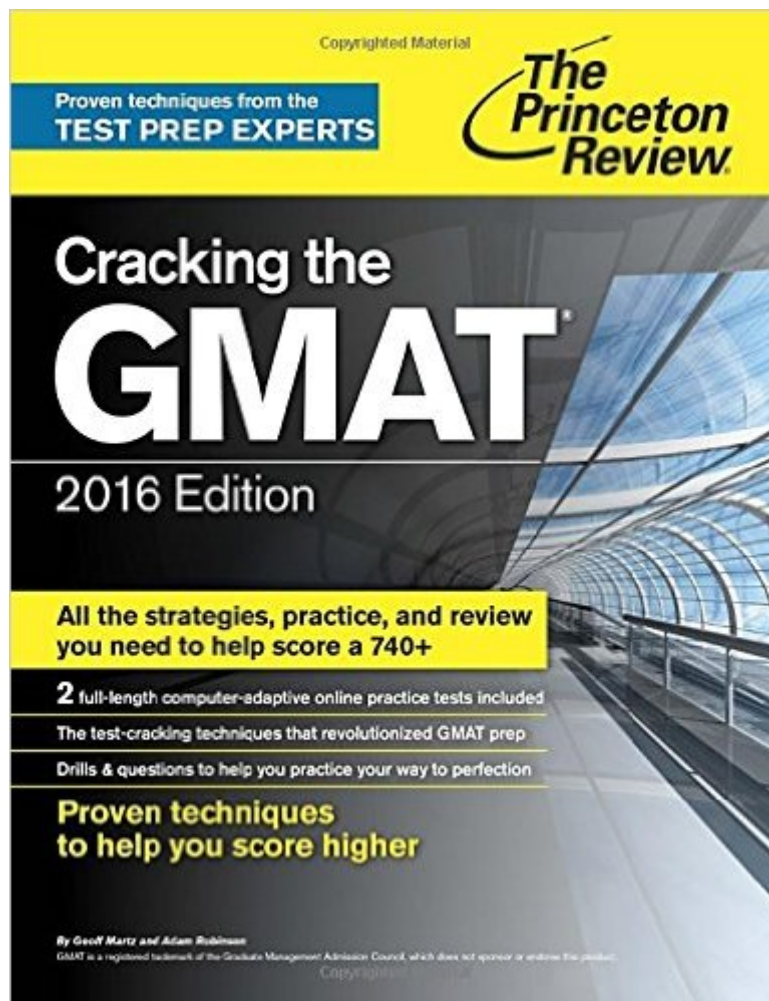


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# Cracking The GMAT With 2 Computer-Adaptive Practice Tests, 2016 Edition (Graduate School Test Preparation)



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I have used a much earlier edition of this book for my prep and comparing to this edition there are hardly any changes, which is sad. I did not end up using Princeton Review for my GMAT Prep. I spent about a month on this book (on and off) and having seen no improvement, switched to Kaplan

guides instead and was able to score 750 with those. I felt the book was OK; it explained how the GMAT works and logic behind the test, etc but after that it started to fall apart. I had a few issues with the strategies and expectations this book set - it gave an impression that GMAT was pretty easy and it was a guessing game rather than a test of skill and knowledge (it is definitely not a game).~~~ POSITIVES: ~~~- Has a good math review section covering even topics such as Statistics and Probability- 2 GMAT tests are included (access online). This is the only difference really with the book that has a CD - 2 more tests there plus videos on the CD- Practice questions in the book are structured by difficulty (convenient)~~~ NEGATIVES: ~~~- Approaches GMAT from high level strategies such as POE, getting into the mind of test writer, backsolving, and others, which are all great strategies but they really belong at the very end of the book, not upfront. Basics such as blocking and tackling need to go first; otherwise it works in a controlled practice environment but fails on the test. What it does, it makes you feel comfortable with the book but then on the test, the questions don't fit the patterns and it does not help at all (probably hurts more than helps). The key to getting a high score on the GMAT is in the basics. You must know math and grammar to get the answers right. Strategies are important, but they are a finishing touch, not the core.

I felt it was an OK starter book that explained how the GMAT works and logic behind the test, etc but after that it started to fall apart. In particular, I had a few issues with the strategies and expectations this book set - it gave an impression that GMAT was pretty easy and it was a guessing game rather than a test of skill and knowledge (it is definitely not a game).NEGATIVES:- Approaches GMAT from high level strategies such as POE, getting into the mind of test writer, backsolving, and others, which are all great strategies but they really belong at the very end of the book, not upfront. Basics such as blocking and tackling need to go first; otherwise it works in a controlled practice environment but fails on the test- Lack of basics coverage for Verbal (very little review of questions, grammar)- Reading Comprehension strategy needs to be reconsidered. Every other provider such as Kaplan, Manhattan GMAT, Manhattan Review, PowerScore, Veritas, and others suggest to read the passage in its entirety. Which I strongly agree with. Princeton continues to insist on briefly reading the passage and then jumping into the question - the result is the same as above - jumping into hot water unprepared and fumbling through questions. By changing my reading strategy I was able to go from 30% success rate to about 60-70. Literally within 2 days.

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