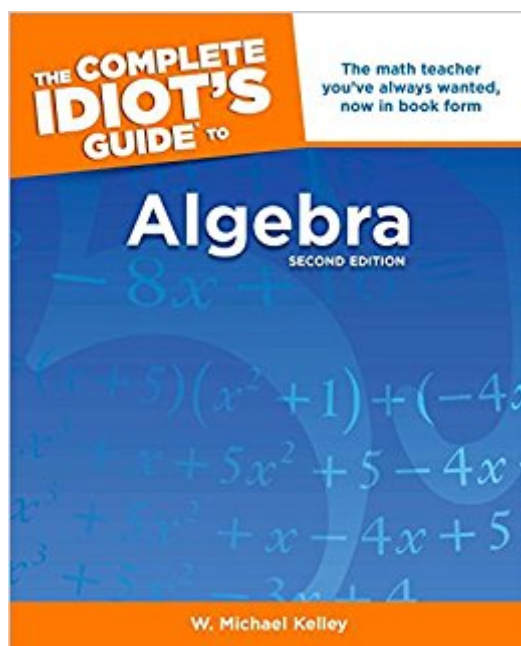


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The Complete Idiot's Guide To Algebra, 2nd Edition (Idiot's Guides)



Synopsis

Just the facts (and figures) to understanding algebra. The Complete Idiot's Guide[®] to Algebra has been updated to include easier-to-read graphs and additional practice problems. It covers variations of standard problems that will assist students with their algebra courses, along with all the basic concepts, including linear equations and inequalities, polynomials, exponents and logarithms, conic sections, discrete math, word problems and more. Written in an easy-to-comprehend style to make math concepts approachable Award-winning math teacher and author of The Complete Idiot's Guide[®] to Calculus and the bestselling advanced placement book in ARCO's Master's series

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I did not take even regular algebra in high school while some people was taking college level algebra or higher maths so I was embarrassed and did feel like an idiot. So learning this was a seemingly tough task. But this book helped me to understand math on a higher level than I thought I could comprehend. I really need to refresh on algebra equations prior to entering college which this book was able to do. I hit this book up after studying a pre-algebra book. Teaching yourself algebra sounds like a daunting task but I succeeded and you can too. This book met my expectations. I was taking practice exams online and offline and discovered something amazing. I went from knowing nothing about algebra to knowing about 95% of what I went through in the book. If I had to recommend a math book for this type of study, this is it.

I recently went back to college and am taking Algebra online. It has been many years, so I bought this book and "Algebra for Dummies." While they are both helpful, I found this book to work better. The explanations are simpler and easier to follow. While there are not a vast number of practice questions, there are enough. It is not a workbook, or meant to be one. There are plenty of problems that are clearly worked through for you. So, it is easy to see what you should do and why. If you are the student, or helping one get through basic Algebra... invest in this book. You will be happy you did.

I graduated from college a few years ago, but I'm currently taking night classes to earn a pre-medical studies diploma so I can apply to vet school. One of the big requirements for veterinary school is at least 2 semesters of college math--something I didn't have from my undergrad experience. So I decided to start off my night classes with Precalculus and move up to Calculus. But there was a flaw in my plan: I hadn't taken math since high school and had forgotten most of what I had learned. Enter "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Algebra". I decided on this book because it combines both Algebra I and Algebra II into one tome. The author keeps his tone friendly and funny and I found myself remembering a lot more than I thought I would. There aren't an abundance of practice problems, but there are 2 problems for each "concept" (1 guided and 1 to do on your own). That was more than enough for me. This is a great book if, like me, you've already taken Algebra at some point but it was years ago. You remember a lot more than you think!

This 45 year old mom was ready to go back to school but not ready to face Intermediate Algebra, a requirement (either pass the class or test above) for my degree program. I read, practiced and studied and tested above the requirement. So now, I won't have to face a math class and can go

right into the science classes that more closely fit in with my degree program. There were a couple of items in the book that I may never completely understand or be able to memorize but so much of the book was fun and very easy to "get" right away. I have already taken both high school and college level algebra so I have some background but there is no way I could have passed this placement requirement without studying this book for about a month. This book is not for complete idiots but instead for people who think they have become an idiot in math due to lack of practice. Now, I look forward to helping my kids with Algebra when it come their time.

Excellent book for someone who has either forgotten most of the salient ideas or just starting their math experience. The author is very empathic about the perceived "hatred" and "fear" of math. He dispels these concerns thru humor and common sense. He gives you confidence that you can do it.

I just recently went back to college and needed a refresher on the basics of algebra. I wouldn't get very far in my finite class without having a good algebra foundation so I bought this book to bring me up to speed. I have to say, I credit this book with me getting a B on my first test! If I hadn't bought I'm sure I would have bombed. I took one star off just because I wish it went a little more advanced with some of the sections, my textbook does a terrible job explaining things and I constantly flip back to this book as a reference. If you're taking high school algebra or college algebra then I highly recommend this book. It really does do a great job of simplifying things. If you're taking a higher level math like I am I still recommend it if you need a good refresher on the basics.

I just recently purchased this book with the thought of reviewing algebra that I had in high school and college (long, long ago). I find it to be very thorough on the subjects the author writes about (although I cannot tell you how complete it is for college algebra). I have a couple of books by the author and I believe he explains the subject matter as well as it can be explained. I am halfway through the text, and, as best as I can tell, there have been no errors on any of the problems the author has done. For the inexpensive price the book costs, I would recommend this text to anyone who needs to review algebra for school, or who wants to just learn some math. (Hey, I know that's pretty geeky, but be proud of it!) The author, W. Michael Kelley, also has books on precalculus and calculus, which have been very helpful. georgegefillmore@gmail.com

Before I bought this book I reviewed many books and read many reviews and finally I settled for this

one. The result has rewarded me for all the effort I put into finding just the right book. I am very happy with the book and as far as I have read it I found it to be very easy to read. The topics covered by the author seem to be not that complicated. This means the author treats the subject matter in a way that makes people understand clearly what is going on. If you want to learn or re-learn the subject this is the book for you.

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