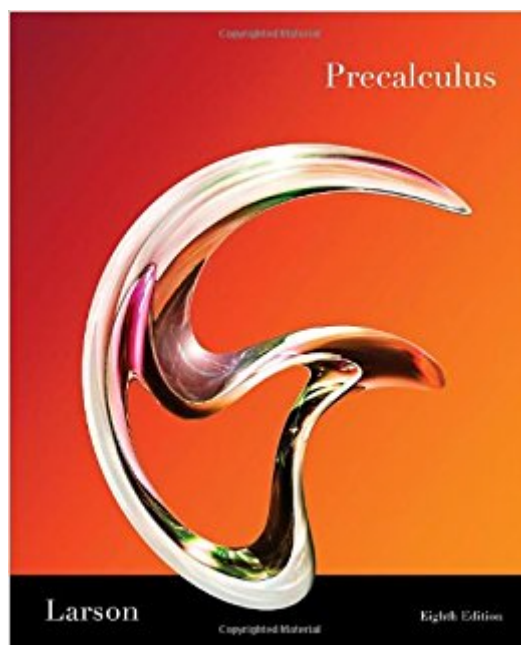


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I used this book for Pre-calculus and Trigonometry. The examples are well illustrated and the companion text is clear. The book covers algebra through pre-calculus with a nice review section at the beginning. Definitely recommend as a supplemental text if learning on your own but if it is required you are lucky.

Clear thorough explanations, Many examples. Easy to follow, answer key in the back to check your work (odd number problems). Obviously, 1 star docked because the even numbers were not given in the answer key.

I have never disliked a mathematics course as much as the one I took,(precalc), using this book. I

am not a struggling student by any means, and this book made this course a frustrating and unsatisfying nightmare. This book is a perfect example of why so many people dislike mathematics. This author has no idea of how to explain ANYthing in a way a student could understand, UNLESS the student already knew that concept. One has to KNOW these concept in order to unravel Larson's explanations. Don't count on this book to teach you much. Clearly, this was not written with the student in mind. It was written with the instructor in mind. Good luck if you're having to depend on this author to explain concepts! It might be a good book for reviewing this subject. If you are having to learn these concepts, find a different resource because this book is NO resource, and if possible, find a different course that doesn't use this text. Larson does a miserable job explaining ANYthing in the chapters. He then makes the problems, at times, impossible to reason through - especially some of those ridiculous word problems. He would have done well to explain some of those in the chapters instead of just dumping them on a student with NO clue as to how to even begin. I did not consider the course I took using this text as 'learning.' Learning is not this frustrating. Larson is clueless when it comes to explaining concepts in any understandable way. I used to believe that trig, precalc, and even the bit of calculus I knew were enjoyable. Not any more. The course I took, in my opinion, was a rip-off. Any instructor who chooses such a fast pace should give their students the resources they will need to keep that pace. Larson's text is NOT that resource. Personally, I will never take another course using a text this poorly written. The guys probably laughing all the way to the bank, I know. Doesn't change the fact that his text is worthless and his teaching method is nonexistent.

For me, this book does a good job of teaching math. The examples are clear and easy to follow. I used this book both for my Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus classes, and even with amazing professors this book was still a great resource to help explain anything I was still confused on and to study with.

When I got the book I was worried because the cover look rough with banged up corners and spine, as well as, it had stickers all over it stating it had been a rented book; however, I was very happily surprised to find the pages are in great shape and that makes the book perfectly useable. Also, the financial savings is amazing considering this book retails for \$340 and I was able to get it here for only \$40. I highly recommend using this seller and I will definately return to them if and when I need another book, especially a text book.

Absolutely awesome! I love Ron Larson's textbooks. He does a phenomenal job of relating the mathematics clearly to students. The structure of the textbook is also very logical and appropriate for classroom use.

My daughter is a high school junior and used this book for a college precalc I course she took and found it to be a great book. She had no problems understanding it and felt it was well written. She will also use it for the precalc II course which makes it a great value at \$114, considering the college bookstore wanted 3 times that for the same book! I would have rented the book because we had good results doing that for my sons classes, but it was cheaper to buy than rent it twice.

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