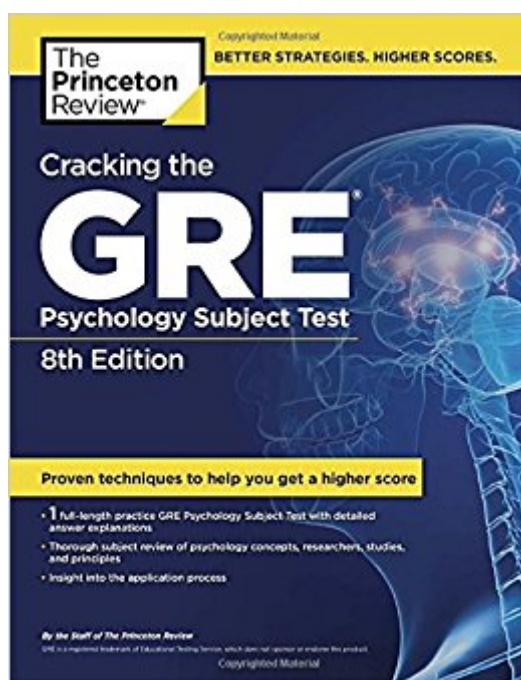


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I purchased this book with about a month's worth of time to study for my Psych GRE. I read through it once without taking notes. Then I went back through it and with each paragraph I read, I wrote a sentence or two in my notes about what that paragraph had said. I used the study tips it provides at the end of every chapter. One of the great things about the field of psychology is that it teaches you little tricks you can use to more effectively study psychology. The book claims to teach you everything you'll need to know to ace the test and when I got there I found it really had. Consequently I absolutely nailed that exam (99th percentile!). There was only a handful of questions that I encountered on the test that I wasn't sure of, and most of them I could actually tell you where in the book the answers had been I just couldn't remember which name went with which theory. I really liked how it broke down the different areas within psychology by chapter, covered the important big wigs in each field and described in nice, short, succinct language the highlights of each field. In all actuality, I think I learned more from this book about certain parts of the field of psychology (like statistics for instance) than I did from my four years of formal undergraduate education. It gives you a sample test for you to check your progress which is also nice. It even has a chapter in the appendix that gives you great tips about applying to graduate schools and what type of school and degree you should pursue for various career goals. This book was definitely a superb study resource. That being said, no matter how good of a resource it is, it won't help you if you don't put in the time and effort yourself to utilize it to its fullest extent. So give yourself plenty of time beforehand to study the heck out of this thing and that GRE will be the easiest test you've ever taken.

Helpful as a general guide to point you towards topics to study, but I found that occasionally the summaries provided were misleading and I would not have realized it without having recently learned about a concept. But it is hard to summarize such big concepts in a sentence or two, which is what they do for everything. I was also irritated by the number of typos; I have a hard time believing that information is correct when they misspell the names of people, etc. Also, the practice test included was kind of helpful, but also not a great reflection of the actual test. make sure you

take the practice test provided by ETS to really find out what the test will be like. And maybe this should just go without saying, but...The book claims that everything that could possibly be on the test will be covered in the book. This is simply not true. Make sure you use other resources if you want to do well on the test.

Princeton Review really does have test prep down to a science. With just a month to go before the test, and without any real background in Psychology, I was able to score well above the eightieth percentile using nothing but this and a set of Teaching Company lectures borrowed from the local library. Although it's dauntingly thick, you'll actually get through the book fairly quickly. The way the material is organized makes it manageable and easy to grasp. The tone is light and (almost) fun, and it contains dozens of useful exam-taking tips in addition to providing the substantive knowledge that you'll need. Heck, the practice exams and analysis alone are well worth the price. At less than \$20, it's a no-brainer -- if you're taking the Psychology GRE, buy this book. You'll be glad you did.

Currently using this book. Seems to have everything I could want on the topic. Helps to provide strategies for the test, describes how often certain info is seen and thus highlighting important topics, contains a practice test, and even has advice on grad school applications. Definitely happy with the product for now. Might update if there were things on the test not covered by the book. Update: I took the exam a few days ago. I was pretty happy with how much of the information was covered in the book. There were questions that were never covered in this guide, but the book explicitly states that this would be the case. I changed my review from 5 to 4 stars. The main issue I have with it, looking back, is that some of the information was covered incompletely. I would still say this book is a strong study aid, but I would recommend to anyone using it that you should also look up some of the information on your own (a simple google/wikipedia search would suffice) to give you a more complete picture of certain topics.

While I was not too worried going into the psychology GRE exam and knew most of the material in this book, it served as a great refresher and reminded me of some theories/research which had slipped my mind over the four years of undergraduate. I believe the practice test has great validity as I scored both 90th percentile on the practice exam and the real exam. For those wondering how best to manage your time studying with this guide, here is what I did: a few weeks before the exam, I read a chapter (or two, some of them are quite short in the beginning) each night and underlined the information I was a bit weaker on. I also starred any information which Princeton Review noted

to be frequent on the actual test (and they were pretty accurate). The week before, I just spent reviewing any information I was weak on (i.e., underlined text) and a great deal of time memorizing the starred sections even if I felt comfortable that information at the beginning. To summarize, this book is a great refresher tool. If you were like me and really paid attention during your classes and had a well-rounded curriculum, you should only have to read over the information--rather than spend hours taking notes--and mark a few sections you might be having trouble with in order to do well on the exam. While at the actual exam, fly through it at first marking the answers you are 80-100% certain about and then go back and try to narrow down your multiple choice options on ones you are unsure about. Good luck!

Took this exam back in October and there were a decent amount of topics that weren't covered in the book

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