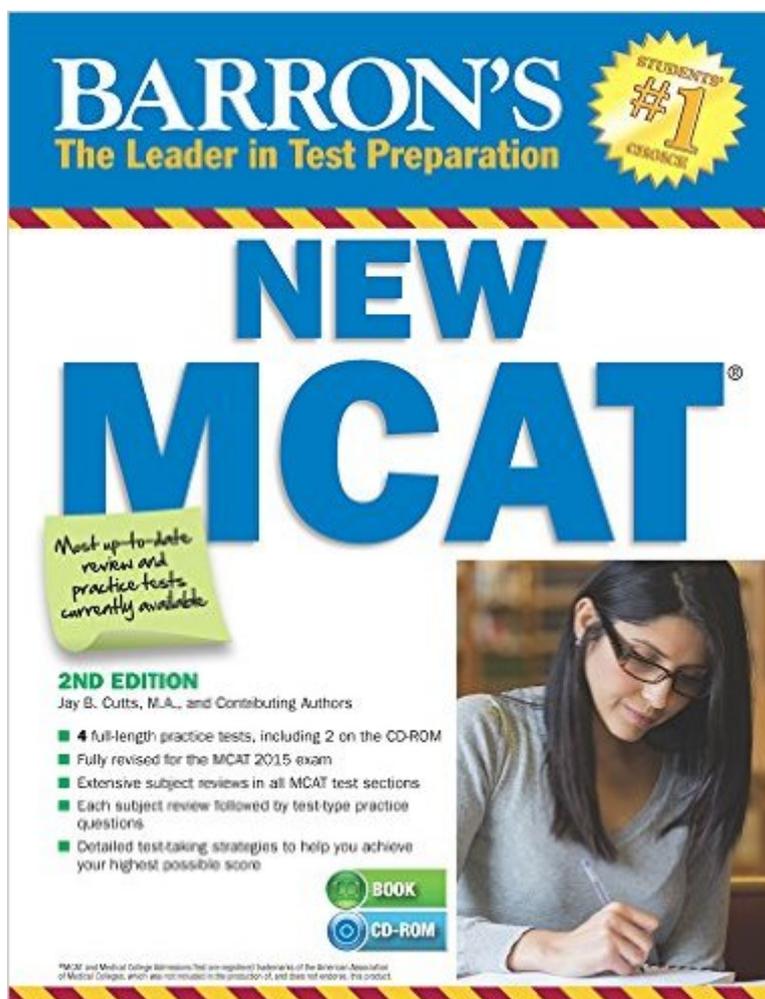


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# Barron's New MCAT With CD-ROM, 2nd Edition (Barron's Mcat)



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## Customer Reviews

I literally read this entire book two times. It is so heavy to carry around but it is worth it in the end. The material were on point for the needed content on the new MCAT and I just finished taking it (April 17). Good luck to everyone else studying for the MCAT!

This MCAT book is written by many qualified authors and contains a lot of great information. It is a simple layout for all of the knowledge that is needed for the MCAT exam. Although the authors suggest that this is the only study tool needed for the MCAT, I would advise using additional methods such as note cards and online resources while studying.

Bought it specifically for the practice tests...which turned out to be trash. The practice tests are poorly written, especially the Critical Reading Section. It often asks very ambiguously worded questions that aren't even fully explained in the solution. My scores are very different from the ones I got on AAMC and Kaplan's practice tests, suggesting that it is not a valid measure of the difficulty of the test. The digital practice test format is terrible compared to Kaplan's (which looks almost exactly like the official one). There is no "review" feature to jump to a specific question, so you have to waste time clicking through every question to go back to a specific question. The highlight function is clunky, only letting you highlight in the passage (in red, for some reason), and highlights disappear when you go on to the next question in the passage. Strikethroughs also aren't retained when you review a section. Sometimes, during review, it inexplicably unmarks some questions, so you have to go back and remark them (if you notice in time). For the second practice test on the CD in timed mode, it gave me 55 minutes to do the third section (which is supposed to be 95 minutes). Don't buy unless you've already done every other practice test out there...

I own prep materials from PR, Kaplan, Examcrackers and now Barron's and I must say that I find Barron's to be the most thorough and the easiest to understand of the lot. It is also chock-full of helpful hints in the margins. Much to the chagrin of those who left lack-luster reviews about errata, not enough depth or horrible practice tests, this is a "review" book and so will never cover in great

detail all that one needs to know for the exam. That is what textbooks are for. Errata is inherent to all test prep materials and I have not found many thus far. I have yet to use the included CD-ROM and probably will not as I think it best to stick with the real AAMC deal where practice questions are concerned. For useful test-taking strategies, I recommend Kaplan's MCAT 45 instead.

If you're looking for accurate information and a good pretest book, this is not the book for you. The first test has an unacceptable number of mistakes in the problem set and answer key. I completed the first section of the first test and compared my answers to the "answers explained" section, and made it through problem 38 before closing the book and returning it in frustration. The book uses the wrong words to describe processes, like confusing "Amphiphilic" for "Amphoteric" - which mean two entirely different things, uses incorrect algebra to show incorrect equations that have incorrect values typed in (attempting to use their equations with their values as printed gives the wrong answer), as well as typos for correct letter choices (IE: "The Correct choice is B, because ", when the explanation discusses choice D, not B). I don't know how many other mistakes this book had, but I was not impressed by the ~10% error rate I had found in such a short time period, and will not be trusting it further. Use this book at your own risk, and if you do, double check that the information it's giving you is correct with a second source. Not worth it, in my opinion.

Not much different than the first edition except for the fact that it includes the psychology/sociology portion.

Along with the Flash Cards, I bought this prep book. Barron's has great test prep not only because they provide you with drills and sample tests, but they also supply you with test taking strategies and time management techniques. This book also has a CD ROM so you can take the tests online, as I assume, the MCAT is actually given. I bought both this book and the flash cards not because I, in my sixties, have any plans to take the MCAT, but because my granddaughter is talking about wanting to be a doctor and I want to help her understand what she has to learn and know and how to prepare for what is going to inevitably come in a few short years.

Nicely done. Thorough and well organized, and at a good price

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