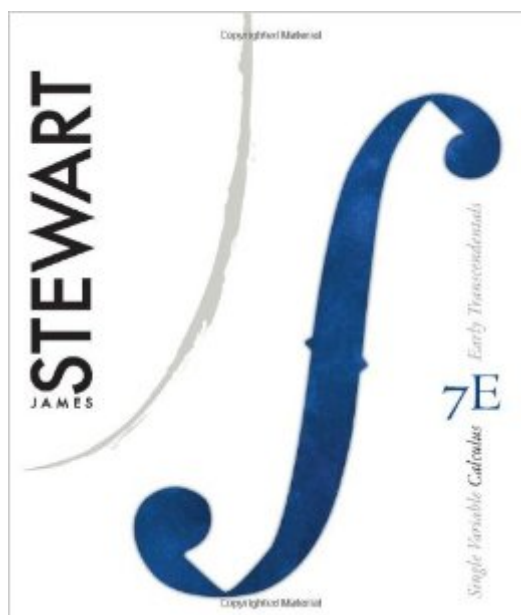


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Customer Reviews

After going through 2 semesters of pre-calculus w/ an excellent textbook (Sullivan), this one was a HUGE let down. The author designed the textbook with the assumption that your professor will be doing the majority of the explanations (in fact, he even admits this). While this may make sense, it isn't the way to write a textbook. For instance, when he does his examples in the sections, the author doesn't seem to connect the dots or explain why. He also skips about 95% of the algebra in his explanations. This often leaves the reader saying "wait, how did he get that?!" I can't remember how many times my professor literally had a page or more worth of work on an example that the author skipped in his solution. My next complaint- In-chapter exercises. My main complaint is the ambush-approach the author uses. He ambushes you with problems right away that you couldn't

possibly derive from the examples or explanations, even if you work conceptually through the problem. These problems should be left in the review or toward the end of the exercises, after the student has gotten a firm grasp on the material. I think that the author has a hard time relating to undergraduate students. In fact, this textbook seems as if he is explaining things to another professor. He should be writing this book to teach undergraduates.

Hey, this isn't a review. I just want to let you know that the people who claim that the fourth edition is the "same content" are trying to rip you off. The fourth edition is NOT the same as the fifth edition. The homework problems are NOT the same. If you get the fourth edition, you will not be able to complete your assignments for class if the instructor gives assignments out of the book. These dishonest people are just trying to get you to pay lots of money for an old edition of a textbook they can't resell at their campus bookstore anymore. If you want the fourth edition, you can get it a lot cheaper under the actual listing for the fourth edition. Don't be fooled!

Having taken 3 Calculus classes in sequence at my university with this book and having used one chapter of this book in my 4th math class that I am currently in (differential equations), I would say that I've used most of this book. Let's just say that this book needs a professor to go along with it. There's really not much of a chance, unless you're really smart, that you can only use this book with no other study aids and understand all of the concepts presented. This book really is made for your math professor to more fully explain. Having said that, I must add that the CD-ROM enclosed is GREAT. I guess if you don't have your professor to go over the finer details of some of the more vague concepts, then this is the next best thing. The sounds-like-a-grad-student voice that explains each chapter in great detail is easy to understand and makes most concepts pretty clear. I have to say that this CD-ROM is saving me on my midterm.

This textbook was required for my College Calc class. Terrible book, does not explain anything well. I honestly don't know why my college keeps using this book, maybe because of the price tag and some deal they might have who knows. But if you have this book as a requirement to your class, I advise you to buy supplements or other textbooks to help you through the semester. If you need help I recommend Leithold's 7 Edition Calculus. All the practice problems not just the odd are solved, yes solved, not just the answer as in this book.

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book is insane and obscene (as is \$191.36, 's current list price.) Other than prettier graphics and a few exercises to show how calculators and computers can mess with you, the subject hasn't changed significantly since the work of Cauchy and Weierstrass almost 200 years ago. While the architecture of James Stewart's new \$24M house is cool and its use as a performance space is to be lauded, it was built on the backs of millions of poor students forced to pay extortionist prices for old news. Granted that the pressure to produce superfluous new editions came mostly from his publisher, he went along in exploiting those students. Let's hope he sleeps well.

This book is truly awful. Stewart gives poor and incomplete explanations. He also skips numerous algebraic steps in his examples. If you want to teach yourself calculus, then this is not the book for you. If you have a subpar math teacher (as most math teachers are), then this book makes your calculus class that much harder. I'm currently in Calculus II and still using this POS book. I had excellent books for college algebra and precalculus that were so comprehensive that no teacher was needed. This book is definitely not in that category.

I've never been great at math but I was at least able to understand most things with the help of a textbook. Got an A+ in Pre-Cal thanks mostly to a great textbook, but I'll be lucky if I get a C using this textbook for Calculus. The information is presented in such a way that you're expected to be a master of every previous mathematics subject in order to understand what's happening in this book. Math majors might find this book useful, but as I'm not a math major I get lost easily. The explanations are not thorough, and the example problems are not very helpful in answering the questions at the end of each section. Unfortunately I also got stuck with a terrible professor who required us to use this book. My advice is look for a better calculus textbook, this one is a huge waste of money.

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