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Synopsis

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For all readers interested in basic mathematics.

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Customer Reviews

After using Saxon math texts with DIVE teaching cd’s for my two older sons, I knew that we needed to find better math curriculum for the rest of our children for middle school. Our third son used this this past year and we are very pleased with the results. He really enjoyed Math in the Media exercises, but did well with My Math Lab exercises as well. He loved working real world math problems. One of our older sons was always frustrated with ridiculous problems that Saxon had them calculate. For instance, one problem had them figure how many times a mosquito would beat its wings in a nano second. With Basic College Mathematics, the problems are ones that one really needs to work in real life (calculating mortgage interest or the better deals on tires) and in real jobs. It is far less frustrating and very applicable. We plan to use Lial’s PreAlgebra book for 8th grade.
These books came recommended by the website Mammoth Math. Also, there is a teaching cd in a new (not used) book but we didn't need it to be successful. We did find the solutions manual helpful.

at the ripe old age of 45, I had to retake math and for somebody whose math skills aren't above fourth grade, I dreaded the idea. This book made things easy for me. The only reason I do not give it 5 stars is that the algebra section was severely lacking but one math book cannot cover everything. I even used this book in my allied health math class and that book for that class STANK. I resorted back to this book many times as a refresher. My professor for the allied health math class would explain a long, drawn-out version of how to find an answer and a simple shortcut was supplied in this book. I would have the answer before the professor was even half way done with HIS method! I can't imagine ever giving up this book.

I am a homeschool mom to a 13 yr old dd who is not very self-motivated when it comes to math. We have tried two pre-algebra courses made for the homeschool environment, however; either she didn't care for the format or I couldn't sit through every single lesson explaining it since their explanations were too wordy and I, who was an A student in math, couldn't understand it. After much researching, I found this AWESOME book which explains in examples, not just words, the steps to solve the particular math lesson. There are 10 chapters with about 6 to 10 sections each, covering basic addition through basic algebra and statistics; at the end of each chapter there is a summary review and test. I will definitely continue using this series by Margaret Lial through high school. One more thing, if you get this book used, you will save a bundle over the homeschooling editions which cost up to $185.

The book is well written and clear teaching styles. The exercises at the end of the chapter are very helpful. It is making the class a better understanding for me. Thank you!

This book is wonderful. I use it with my 10/11 yo. We are learning Pre-Algebra and this book is very easy to follow. It is taught to the reader without needing a teacher. Amazing book for homeschool or supplements. Parents can easily use this book to teach kids. It is a true pre algebra.

I used the 5th edition of this text in my homeschool resource with my daughters, then gave it to my 12 year old gifted niece to use before she took the SAT early. It helped her greatly. I now am tutoring a young man who needs math help to get his GED, and knew this was the book I needed to
help him. Loads of practice, and detailed explanations in bite sized chunks that do not overwhelm. Having many of the answers make it a great book to use for practice and self-study, as well.

The book is really easy to read and follow directions. I like the exercise reviews after each class and the test at the end of each chapter it is very helpful. I really recomend this book.

Great book for home school. Using it with my nine-year-old along with Khan. It's elementary for college from a mathematician's standpoint, but to shore up any weaknesses and prepare a person for success in college, it's a great book. Shipped fast -- good service.

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