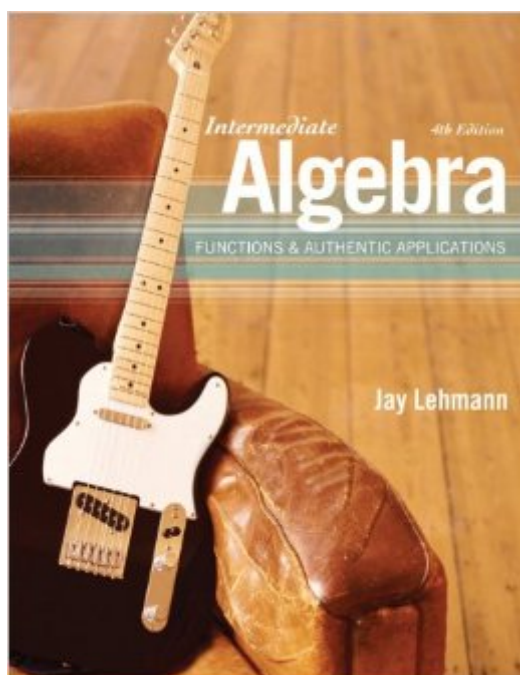


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## Customer Reviews

First, I should share that I am the author of this textbook! Next, I want to respond to the other review by saying that the criticisms are accurate for the preliminary edition, but not this first edition (with subtitle "Functions and Authentic Applications"). In fact, the first edition was not available when the other review was posted! In the first edition I completely rewrote the text so that it is now really easy to follow. It even has a list of key points at the end of each section. The text has tons of current, interesting data sets that makes the course come alive. You will need to use a graphing calculator with this text. My students love using this text and I'm sure you will too!

For those that don't like anything that has to do with math this book isn't too bad. I purchased this book for an intermediate algebra course required prior to taking stats. When comparing this book to other math books I've used in the past and other books I've used in other subjects, it fares pretty

well. This textbook does a good job explaining concepts and shows you good examples that you actually learn from. When I am doing the homework I usually reference back to one of those examples to make sure I am doing everything correctly and following all the steps. I found that errors are minimal in this book which really pleases me since it costs quite a bit. Overall I like this textbook and it does a good job teaching you.

This book suffered the double sin of both being terribly dry and uninteresting, but also being poorly annotated. When showing step-by-step procedures for problem solving, steps were often skipped, so the reader would be unable to figure out how the author gets from step 1 to step 2. Even my PhD Algebra professor admitted that this book was only mediocre at best. Also, this book is heavily calculator-driven, showing you more information on how to operate a graphing calculator than how to solve problems. Finally, if you hate word problems (or have any sort of learning disorder that makes word problems difficult to follow) watch out: this book consists of almost entirely word problems. While I appreciate that there is a heavy emphasis on real-world-type problems (most notably concepts like half-life, richter scale, and other real-world concepts that actually helped me out in other classes like chemistry and trig later on), there is an overabundance in word-problem setup, often to the detriment of the problems themselves. For the record, I got a 3.8 out of 4.0 in this class, so I was more than capable of grasping the concepts. However, the book was not good.

This book was written to cater to those who don't feel that math applies to the real world- but I'm taking Algebra, not Statistics! If you're an English Major, sure, this book will be great for you. But if you get caught up in the flowery "WORD" aspects of things, the numbers don't mean much of anything at all. For someone who thinks numerically, this book is terrible. Every question is a paragraph of nonsense (factual though it may be) that only gets in the way of understanding the numbers. Also, I just received the "Student Solutions Manual" that I did not order, and looking through it, it is identical to the answers in the back of the book, with a bit more explanation. It still is only odd-numbers, so there's no value at all in purchasing it. I do plan to return the SSM, because I have no use for it, and I need my shelf space for good books.

Ok.. would have liked to have the Access Code to get into Math Lab- it said it wasn't sure if it did... but you always take that chance ordering on-line instead of a bookstore.. so, I had to end up paying the extra \$92 for Math Lab.. but I knew that in advance... oh well... would have been nice. Book came on- time and in good condition.

Jay Lehmann's Intermediate Algebra (4th Edition) is not specific on some algebraic equations, and it is heavily calculator based and too wordy; it lacks critical steps to enforce the student's ability to comprehend and understand complex algebraic equations. Most of the examples, exercises, and the answers in back of the book do not coincide with each other. In other words, Lehmann's Intermediate Algebra is not methodically written.

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