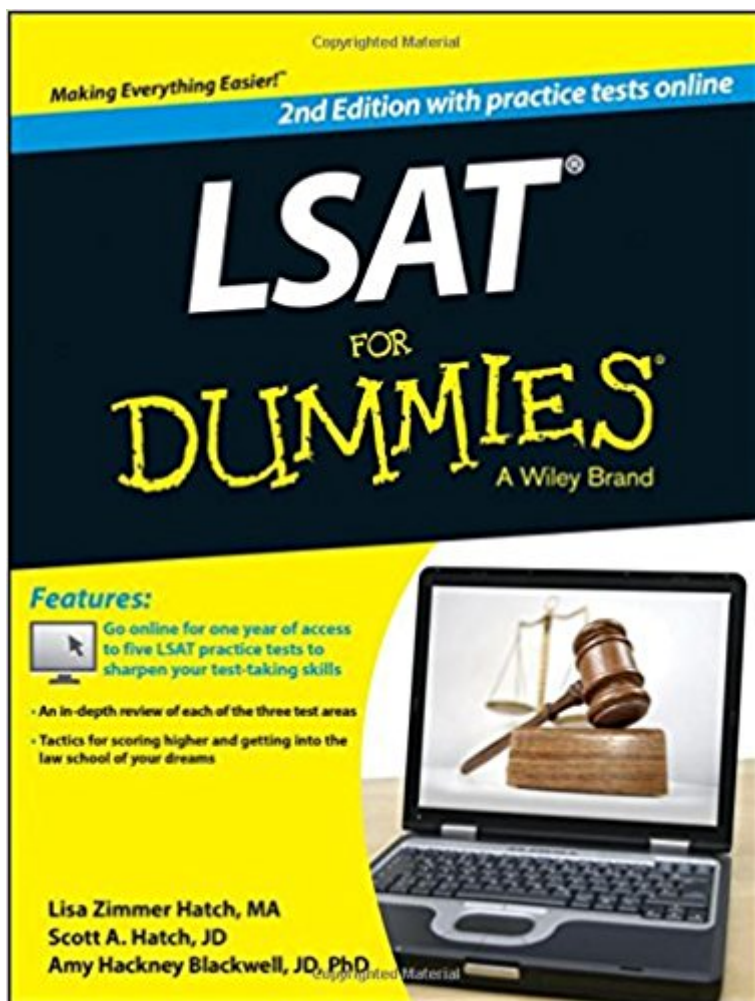


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## Synopsis

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Lisa Zimmer Hatch and Scott A. Hatch have prepared students for standardized testing from more than 300 universities. Amy Hackney Blackwell is a former attorney who received her JD from the University of Virginia School of Law.

I found this book to be helpful. Some of the practice problems were harder than the questions encountered in the actual LSAT.

Practice exams are not included as advertised and I emailed seller and they never even responded about it!!

awesome price for an awesome product by an awesome company!

It was very comprehensive and an excellent study aid

If you want to get into the law school of your choice, or any law school for that matter, there is no doubt you are going to have to prepare for the LSAT. Simply being a good "test taker" is not going to be enough nor is that 4.0 you managed to hold onto for so long. There are a lot of people

applying for a few slots and the competition will be hot. The difference can be how well you do on your LSATs. You're going to have to work hard, practice, think, and learn additional test taking strategies. Of course in reality there are very few "Dummies" who are prepping for law school. I've seen much "heavier" prep books, but this is what I'd call a starter book. It will get the prospective law student a good look at what they may encounter on the LSAT. It's not quite as daunting as a couple of seen. This book tends to be more user-friendly and conversational. For example I'm seeing statements like "Pick a Side--No Ridin' the Fence." It's a much more relaxed introduction stuck right in the middle of a very serious conversation about the writing sample that just could make or break admission to the law school of your choice. I'd lean toward recommending this book to those who either are certain they want to attend law school or to undergraduates who just want to consider it. If you intend to prep for a test, you need to dedicate some time and a few dollars. If you really feel you are deficient, perhaps you need a course, but if you simply need practice, you may wish to start with this book. I would also recommend buying some other books, other "brand" names included, to work with. The more you practice these tests, the more confident you will feel with your ability to not only answer the questions, but answer them within the allotted time frame. For example, I took a real life test a while back. I only took one practice test prior to the actual one and because I haven't taken any tests in some time I went over the time limit. When I was taking the "real" test, time was called just as I finished. You need to be honest in accessing your own skills. This book is not going to teach you anything new, but is intended to help you with your test taking strategies and give a general overview of what types of questions you can expect. The questions are from actual tests. This is not a book that teaches emotional strategies to keep you as stress free as possible, but rather one that will put you through the paces and make you think. As an aside, did you know that "The median LSAT scores accepted by the best law schools in the country, such as Yale, Stanford, and Columbia, range from the high 160s to the low 170s." That translates to a percentile figure of 95 and up." Interspersed throughout the book are icons that give you little warnings, indicate things you may wish to remember, tips, and technical information. Excellent intro, but if you really want to get into law school, you'll should do yourself a favor and purchase a wide variety of practice tests to work with.

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It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. I would advise this approach, which seems to be working for me: get this book, and burn through it as fast as possible to get an understanding of what is going on, but do not beat yourself up about it. The structure starts out easy, then get difficult. I would keep your eyes open at nearby thrift stores also - I picked up a 4 book Princeton Review set for \$4.It is missing 201, but who cares for \$4. The questions that are in there are not for beginners, the Dummies book is. Start with the book mentioned in the review, then move on to something more serious. I have read reviews where they said the PowerScore Bible is great, but one guy said the exam questions are far more difficult than what is presented in the book. my advice: when doing Logic Games, or Analytical Reasoning (Linear/Grouping/Order) PLEASE - select the method of shorthand that works best for you. There are plenty of YouTube videos out there and books that all take a different approach. Have a look at them all, but create your own method for shorthand below the diagrams AND STICK TO IT! Don't show up on test day and change horses right before the race. Don't get frustrated - just practice more on all the sections, as much as possible. Stay away from YouTube after you start to get a good handle on what you are doing. Pay attention to your wrong answers and understand what you did wrong. Whew? Any questions? ;-)

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