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# College Algebra Essentials (4th Edition)



## Synopsis

Bob Blitzer has inspired thousands of students with his engaging approach to mathematics, making this beloved series the #1 in the market. Blitzer draws on his unique background in mathematics and behavioral science to present the full scope of mathematics with vivid applications in real-life situations. Students stay engaged because Blitzer often uses pop-culture and up-to-date references to connect math to students' lives, showing that their world is profoundly mathematical.

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## Customer Reviews

Bob Blitzer is a native of Manhattan and received a Bachelor of Arts degree with dual majors in mathematics and psychology (minor: English literature) from the City College of New York. His unusual combination of academic interests led him toward a Master of Arts in mathematics from the University of Miami and a doctorate in behavioral sciences from Nova University. Bob is most energized by teaching mathematics and has taught a variety of mathematics courses at Miami-Dade College for nearly 30 years. He has received numerous teaching awards, including Innovator of the Year from the League for Innovations in the Community College, and was among the first group of recipients at Miami-Dade College for an endowed chair based on excellence in the classroom. Bob has written *Intermediate Algebra for College Students*, *Introductory Algebra for College Students*, *Essentials of Intermediate Algebra for College Students*, *Introductory and Intermediate Algebra for College Students*, *Essentials of Introductory and Intermediate Algebra for*

College Students, Algebra for College Students, Thinking Mathematically, College Algebra, Algebra and Trigonometry, Precalculus, and Trigonometry all published by Pearson.

At times this text fell short in offering clear discussion. As an engineer, I found this text inadequate to the task of teaching people who struggle with math. Taking it upon myself to insure that my niece passed her course, I had to consult other resources apart from this book.

Very good purchase. I required this edition for my college algebra course. Was able to sell after using it, but not to the bookstore. I sold to someone on campus via craigslist. Covers college algebra in a manner that is easy to understand. Overall, a helpful book!

I bought this book on for my son who is in high school. Although the book is meant for a College level course, the material is well within the reach of a motivated high school student. The author unambiguously explains the concepts and the algebraic manipulation are very nicely illustrated. The author draws extensively on real life application of algebraic formulations and models. However none of this degenerates into a flippant treatment of the topic. the Connected Math series are characteristic of the latter - stay away from those books if you have a choice. All in all an excellent book.

Ok this is a text book, there isn't too much leeway in the pickins but....I got a very good deal by buying here, cheaper than the rental sites. the access code was used but i didn't loose any sleep over it because1) I didn't have to use it in my class2) if the need ever arose to use it, i could totally get a temporary access for 17 days free3) there is a killer math site called purple math that you are going to need anyway so just use thatSo there you go, everyone really likes this book, your teacher said you need it so now you just gotta head to the checkout.... don't forget to get the solutions manual, you're gonna want that, make sure you get it.

At first I was pleased with my book... even excited because I got a deal on renting the book for about \$17. Unfortunately I get to section 2.7 on inverse sections. And I'm trying to follow along in class and realize I'm missing 33pages! The entire section on inverse functions and part of Ch.3 are completely missing out of the book. There isn't any evidence that they were even ever there. I thought I got a deal, but ended up just embarrassing myself in front of the class when I tried to speak out. WOW.

I bought this book on for my Intro Algebra class. We were supposed to have the 5th Edition but my teacher said we could also use the 4th Edition. It was exactly like the newer edition but the pages were just 2 pages off. So I was on a different page than most of the class but easy to follow the same algebra problems! Great buy!!! Thanks again !!!

This is not the same as my teachers book. It is very hard to follow to see if you are in the same section or not. Not well labeled. This book has the same hsbn number .

This is an awesome textbook. For someone who has struggled with Math all my life, this book (with the help of my professor) has helped me understand things in such a clear cut manor. The book explains things very detailed, but not overly worded where it seems overwhelming. There are real life examples, and some good pop culture illustrations.

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