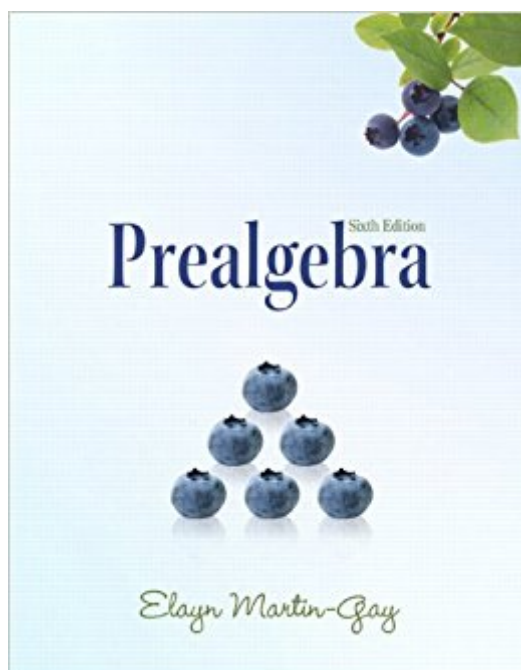


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Elayn Martin-Gay firmly believes that every student can succeed, and her developmental math textbooks and video resources are motivated by this belief. Prealgebra, Sixth Edition was written to help readers effectively make the transition from arithmetic to algebra. The new edition offers new resources like the Student Organizer (available separately) and now includes Student Resources in the back of the book to help students on their quest for success.

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## Customer Reviews

Being that I am 28 years of age and a freshman in college, I was placed in the remedial math class for which this text was required. I was terrified due to the fact I failed math in high school and even the WORD Algebra scared me. This book has great examples and it really helped me understand the concepts of Algebra. I have a 97% average in my class and when I go onto Algebra I next term, I won't be so terrified! :)

I am a 34 year old student that has struggled with math my entire life. I have failed many math classes in college because I just did not clearly understand how to do the math problems. I enrolled at Harbor College in Willmington, CA this fall 2003 and purchased this required book. To my amazement, this book is written in a way that a dummie like me can easily learn all the lessons. I now have a class grade of 95 and FINALLY because of this book, I can do algebra word problems,

and I understand how to check them. I am even tutoring some of my classmates, WOW! thats not too bad for a dummie! I thank the author for creating the best prealgebra book I have ever seen. It is written STEP-BY-STEP and in the most basic format that can be explained. Please only purchase this book. You will not be dissapointed and you will pass prealgebra. All thanks to K. Elayn Martin-Gay, what a job you did putting the book together!

This book has been a life-saver during my first year of teaching. Here's my basic summary of its myriad virtues:1. The problems are beautifully authentic. They never try to take a basic concept and contrive a problem around it, like "What is the absolute value of the temperature of Pluto?" (I have had this problem with the textbook for my lower course quite often.)2. Each lesson is full of examples showing fully-worked problems, and in the margins are similar problems. So if you want to highlight a certain problem-solving technique, you can walk the kids through the example and then have them try it on their own right next to it, even writing in the book.3. Nothing corny. The images are helpful. No reference to manipulatives, but helpful diagrams in their place. There are also proofs of new ideas, often done informally through patterns. These are used to show why a negative times a negative is a positive, etc. You can really get the kids talking about the concepts in a meaningful way.4. One of my favorite things is to pull one of the few writing questions out of the problem set and use it as an opening question for the lesson. These provide great concepts for debate, like "Why is this graph deceptive?" or "Why is this solution incorrect?" Sixth graders are at just the right age to play Sherlock and root out the fallacy, or engage in a good argument. Use this book! It will not disappoint!

This workbook is packed with a lot of examples and rich exercises; which are presented in incremental development fashion. My two children, 10 and 11 year old, have high math aptitude; two grades beyond their average level. I bought this workbook to help them in the transition to algebra and trigonometry. They are able to go thru most of these excises in one summer. I must admit the quality of the lessons and exercises have this quite enjoyable and intuitive for my children to absorb.

Being a mathophobe, I was terrified when I registered for the class. But since I had to buy this book for my math class, then math all of a sudden was really easy! I actually understood the WORD problems with ease and what not!! The only thing that keeps me from giving it a 5 star rating is that there are many typos in the book, especially in chapter 6.2: there are at least three typos in this

specific area if and when you are assigned the odd problems; and what's more, if you want a good laugh, check out pages 455-456. You'll see what I mean!

This textbook is good, however, some sections were confusing. I did not always understand the way a problem was worked out in the textbook. My math instructor did not always teach according to the book and for that I am grateful. The author's CD is good and her instructions were clear and concise, but she walks you through select problems only. Not all problems given in the exercises were included in the instructions, so make sure you ask your professor how he or she teaches that particular section.

There are grrrrreat ! just what I need and I passed my pre-algebra test..i really love the series. I can always go back and review , everything that I need to know . This will also make a great gift of someone who is having challenges with the math work...I am well please with the series. and I will take my time watching them , so that I will understand each algebraic problem. I give it 5 starts , Elayn Martin Gay explains each math problems very well and slowly where you can understand it. I am very pleased with the dvd-series.

This is a great book. It has no damage and no missing pages. The only thing that is missing is the mymathlab CD. When I purchased the book, I thought it came with the book and the mymath CD. But overall, it is okay.

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