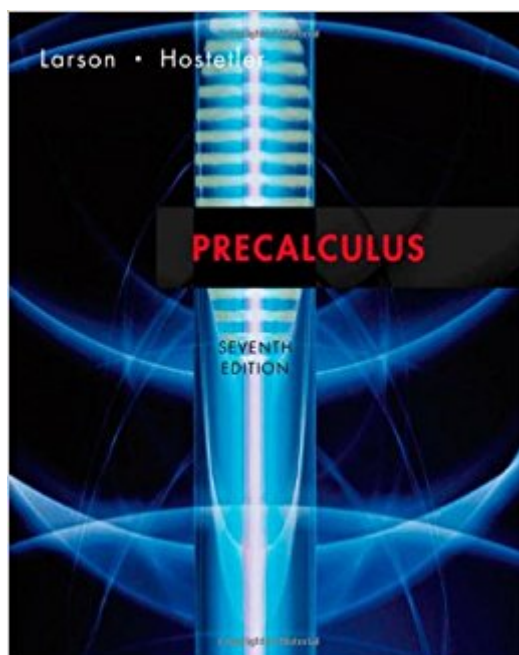


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Dr. Ron Larson is a professor of mathematics at The Pennsylvania State University, where he has taught since 1970. He received his Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Colorado and is considered the pioneer of using multimedia to enhance the learning of mathematics, having authored over 30 software titles since 1990. Dr. Larson conducts numerous seminars and in-service workshops for math educators around the country about using computer technology as an instructional tool and motivational aid. He is the recipient of the 2013 Text and Academic Authors Association Award for CALCULUS, the 2012 William Holmes McGuffey Longevity Award for CALCULUS: AN APPLIED APPROACH, the 2011 William Holmes McGuffey Longevity Award for PRECALCULUS: REAL MATHEMATICS, REAL PEOPLE, and the 1996 Text and Academic Authors Association TEXTY Award for INTERACTIVE CALCULUS (a complete text on CD-ROM that was the first mainstream college textbook to be offered on the Internet). Dr. Larson authors

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A textbook is only good as its author, and Ron Larson knows how to write and teach. I wanted to take Calc, but I needed a precalc refresher, so I bought this. The problems are worked out, the diagrams are clear and altogether, and there's not too much fluff, although the design and layout is visually enticing. Larson has written several math books, including a calc textbook. Before buying this, I owned Swokowski's Algebra and Trig textbook, which is way too formal. I compared some chapters on how it defined certain concepts, and Larson won every time, while Swokowski buried everything in the most formal formulas x/a ($a > 0$), $f(x) = x/a(a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots)$...which was way too rigorous and review like, and lacking in instruction. Oh, and the problem key has the answer to EVERY single problem, and there are tons of them. Very happy with this purchase!

I had originally taken a precalculus course at a community college and used a different book from this one. In addition to using an inferior book, the instructor also decided to skip over trigonometry altogether. It was mainly due to this fact that I decided to pick up this book and learn trig on my own (as well as review algebra) as I entered calculus and found the need for it absolutely essential, and I'm glad I did. The book is laid out in a very reader-friendly format, which tends to be rare with mathematics textbooks. Each chapter is concise, the examples given are formatted to give a true representation of the end-of-chapter questions. The book does not assume that "the other half" of the information presented is being explained by an instructor, keeping each chapter-section self-contained and easily understood. This is exactly the book I wish I'd had years ago when I began toying with the idea of self-study to prepare for calculus placement tests, and certainly the book I wish I'd had when I took precalculus. I'll be keeping this book, along with the solutions guide, on my bookshelf permanently as a reference book for my calculus classes and beyond. I did not get a chance to try out the companion-software on the CD-ROM, so I cannot give a fair review of it. I can, however, recommend this book to students wanting to do self-study, those wanting a supplement to their existing precalculus textbook, and to teachers looking for a text to use in their classes. Now, if only my calculus textbook was as clear and concise, I'd be in great shape. . .

I would think that annotations mean explanations; but, it's just group suggestions. Even when a problem asks for an explanation there's no explanation in the back. It's a good book for a student; but, not for an instructor.

Just what I needed to span the distance between Algebra and Calc.

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