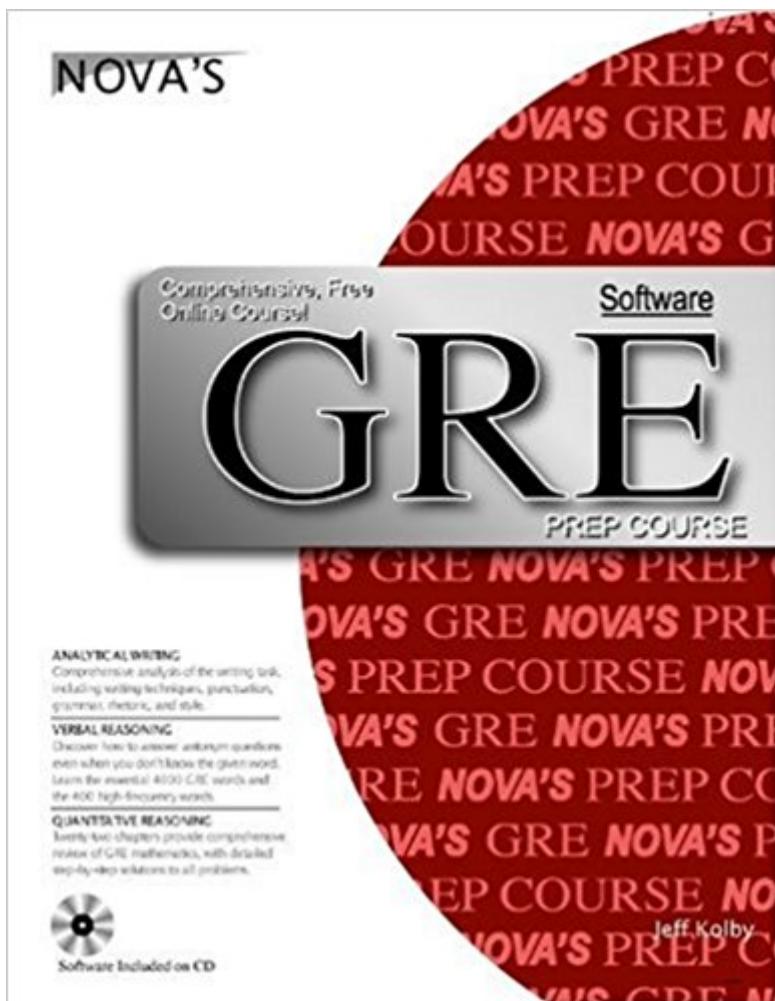


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Customer Reviews

I would most highly recommend Nova's GRE Prep Course for both quant and verbal. I looked at Kaplan, Barron's, and a bunch of others, but they weren't anywhere near as thorough as Nova. For the quant, there are tons of questions for every problem subset, strategies and tips, and a diagnostic test to help you focus in on your problem areas. It also has great resources for the verbal, in terms of practice questions and vocab lists. I took the GRE after six years away from college coursework, and about fourteen years after taking any math course (last one was Calculus). I'm applying for Arabic lit, so the quant wasn't as important to me, but with the help of two weeks of intensive study with the Nova book I was able to pull up my score from a 680 on my first practice test to a 730 on the actual exam. The finer points of the verbal section helped me pull up from a 730 to an 800. Jeff Kolby has also written another book for Nova called the GRE Math Prep Course. Since this focuses just on math, it may have even more depth. Good luck, knock 'em dead. --A student

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If you are studying for the GRE do NOT bother buying this book despite the price. There are multiple errors and the vocabulary section is full of easy words that will just confuse you. Mistakes include things that will mess you up on test day. For instance in the text completion section there is a question which includes indiscretions and peccadilloes as options for the same blank. You will see these words used together synonymously in many Sentence Equivalent sections. I also found many of the text completions to be confusing. For instance you can discern that you are looking for two words with opposite meanings "Although the buildings and streets of this small beach town appear _____, the property values are quite _____. " However, the creators of this test have given you the options of expensive/reasonable or dilapidated/high... Or we could go into the spelling errors where sunscreen is developed in Tropical (not topical) or internal varieties, which absolutely does not work. Just to make the Math section more fun, according to NOVA 6, 8, and 10 are consecutive numbers. To sum it up, DO NOT buy this book even for the practice questions. Studying a book with misspellings, incorrect math, and wrong definitions isn't going to help you increase your test score.

I just wrote the GRE last Friday after a 2-month relationship with the NOVA prep book. To give a little background, I completed my undergraduate degree 2 years ago in Health Sciences, but with a **STRONG** pure applied science focus. I also have decent writing skills, but a **VERY** limited vocabulary. :(MATH: Math portion was clear and concise. I zoomed through the material and enjoyed the pace. It wasn't so slow that I was bored but not so fast that I felt overwhelmed. Students with a strong math background and coming straight out of university (or still enrolled), will find this math a little too easy. They should probably work off an advanced math program to secure a solid 780-800. On the other hand, people who have been out of school for a long time and were never strong in math should probably find an easier program. It was ideal in my case. VERBAL: There's really not much to it. In a way I preferred this, since there were no gimmicks or silly tricks (think Kaplan courses), just an emphasis on learning vocabulary. On that note, the vocab list was good but not thorough enough. Not only were some newer words missing, but the one-word definitions were often ambiguous. I worked through the list using the dictionary.com app on my iPhone. A supplementary dictionary is a must! In a more positive light, the author made significant use of the vocab words throughout the entire verbal and writing section and this repetition was helpful. Also, he often used circular definitions (i.e. *impecunious* = *indigent*, *indigent* = *impecunious*) which I also found helpful - making connections in a list of 4000 words is necessary. WRITING: To be honest... I just skimmed this portion. I felt the limited time I had left was better spent on learning the vocabulary. I also didn't really agree with his "formulas" for responding to the prompts. I found the ETS writing prep better, despite the fact that it was only a few pages long! CD: The CD is totally useless! It also kept falling out of the book pocket so I was getting very annoyed with it! Good luck!

This is an excellent prep book. First off the MATH section is first rate and has lots of problems that will help reinforce a number of frequently tested concepts on the GRE. The VERBAL section is not as good as the MATH but still has some very useful stuff. I found the RC's to be a bit vague and some of the explanations to the RC questions were a bit dicey and ambiguous but the technique that was suggested was sound and effective. The 4000 word list is also pretty exhaustive. I did not read the writing section at all - so no comments on the writing section. Overall I felt that this book helped provide some tougher material that helps one to feel like they are actually well prepared to tackle the GRE. This is also not a book with a lot of fluff (like Princeton Review books) - it is 600 pages of solid material. This book is geared towards students who are motivated - so it treats the reader as an intelligent college graduate. Some of the books like the Princeton Review are written

for 5th graders - they lack the bite and the depth in the material and assume that their readers have a very short attention span and a very limited intelligence. Credit to the NOVA team for authoring a good text book geared towards college graduates. NOVA's online companion is definitely not as good as Kaplan's online content. Kaplan has the best online stuff. The ideal combination would be to own the NOVA text books and the Kaplan CD.

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