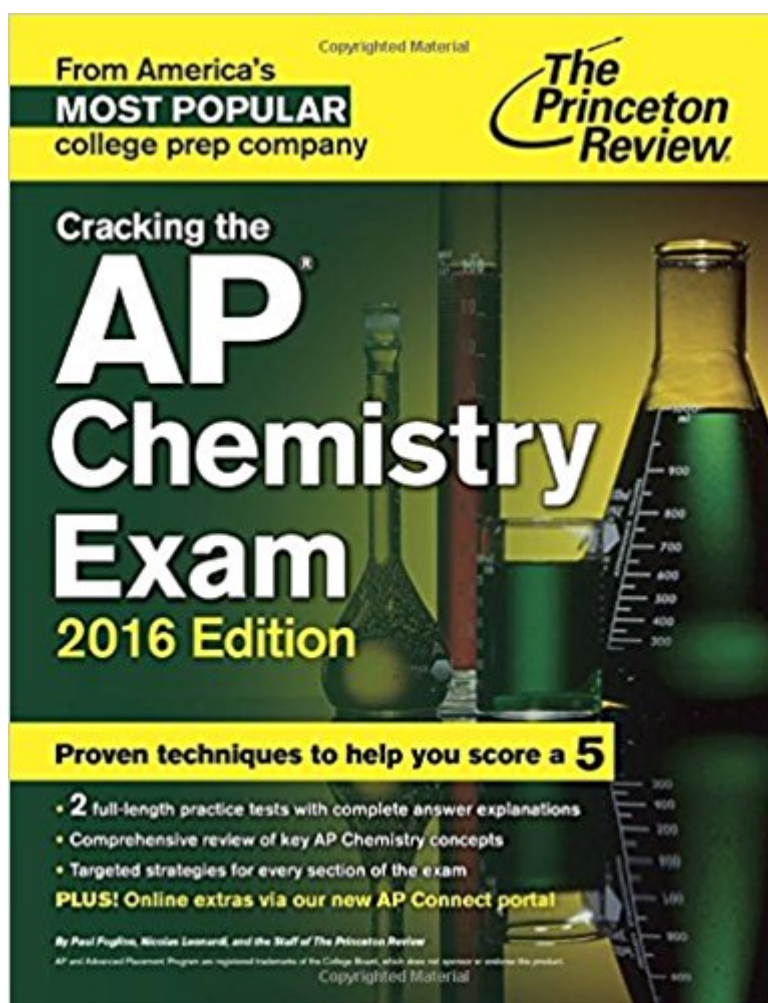


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My daughter was given the flash cards from the Barron's version of this book to study from. They were terrible. They would have been good for someone to use throughout the year, maybe. But they had far too much material on them to really be called flash cards. And nothing was spelled out in simple language. The format of the Princeton Review book was much easier to follow and made working toward understanding the material better kind of an adventure. She really liked the pretest and the unit quizzes. She could see improvement as she went along, which was a big relief.

My son is confident he got a "5" on the AP test (we'll know next month when the 2015 grades are posted) and he says this review guide was a huge help. According to his teacher, the Princeton Review is the only one she recommends.

I read this book in its entirety only one time and it helped me achieve a 5 on the AP test. The tone and writing style is very conversational, so it won't bore you to death if history is not your thing. The essay section could be better, but what will improve your essays most is simply practice. Take skills from this book, take skills you can find elsewhere on the internet, and take skills that your teachers give you to keep on practicing your writing and time management. In regards to the book's content, everything is summarized to give you the most important details and concepts that you'll be tested on.

The book seems to not have been updated from the old test to the new test that came in just a couple of years ago. The information is set up in a very linear fashion that does not accommodate the information needed on the new test. The information in the book does not prepare one to get a 5 or even a 4. The practice test literally contains questions from previous Princeton Review Tests and did not at all reflect the new analytic style test, so the tests were more or less useless to do. The information still delivers the basic content, but did not really help towards doing well on the test. Heavily disappointed in the book and glad I took the class rather than work off just the book.

A great book for the exam, very efficient and effective. A few things to note however. This is NOT for just anyone to pick up and expect to understand. While it is easy to understand, a very basic level of chemistry knowledge beforehand helps A LOT. I personally found a few typos in the Kindle edition, not sure if they are present in the paperback version. They aren't huge typos that affect the core information, but they are annoying to come across as sometimes the wrong element symbol is used. Overall a very nice book. So long as you've heard of at least some of the things in this book, it will take you far.

As far as Princeton Review books go, I thought this one was poorer in quality than the other subjects (i.e. Biology (in my opinion the best one), calculus, economics, etc.). However, it was a very good, detailed study guide on the year's topics. I wish it was as detailed as other Princeton review books, and had more examples of math problems, since I feel like most people have problems with that aspect of chemistry. Otherwise, I would recommend this as one of your study tools for the class and AP exams.

I used this to review a couple of weeks before the AP Chemistry Exam, and I felt that it was good for teaching myself the material over again, since my teacher wasn't very good. I didn't use the practice tests, but I did do some of the end of chapter multiple choice, and I think it was a good representation of what I saw on the exam.

I bought this to supplement my students' understanding and preparation for the AP calc exam. We went through the book in roughly 2 weeks and this book supplied lots of practice tests and questions. So far they are expecting a 4 or 5 on the test.

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