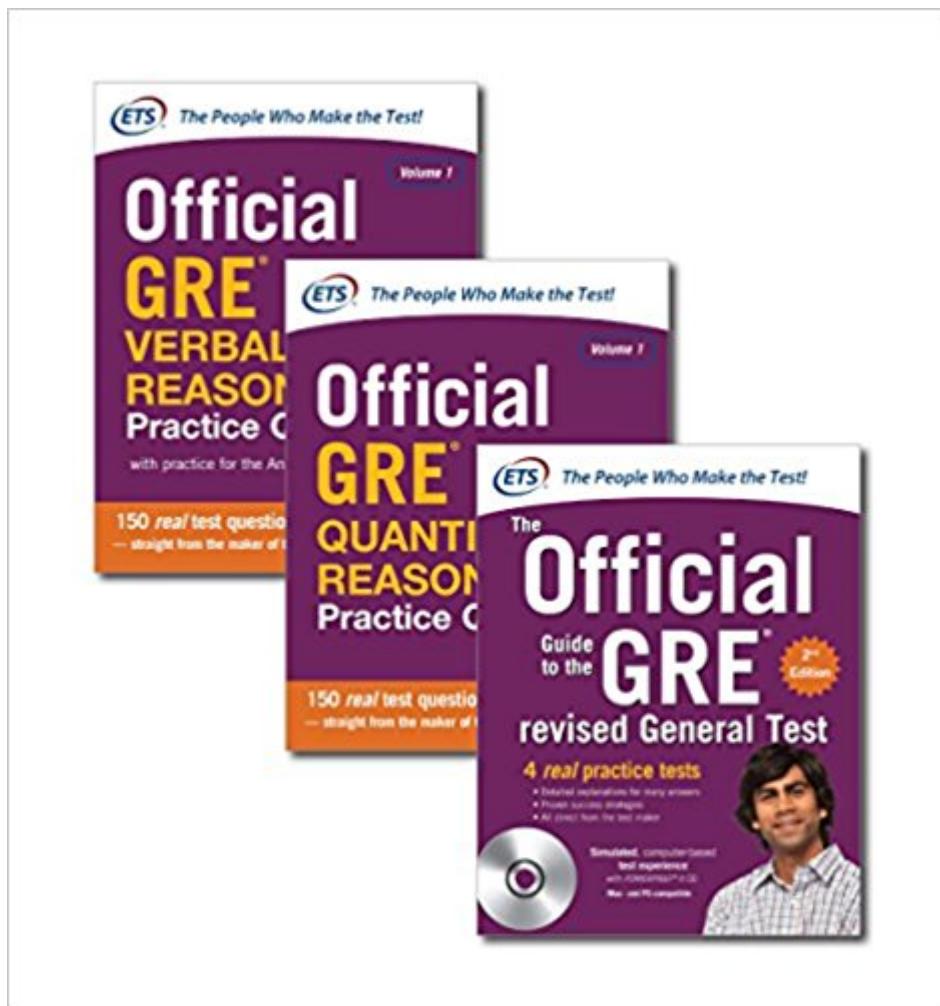


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I am a Harvard grad, 99% GRE scorer and professional GRE tutor, and I'm fairly obsessed with this test. In fact, I still take the GRE at least once a year (last exam: 169V / 168Q / 5.5 AWA) to stay sharp and up-to-date. As many others have already indicated, you need these books because the included practice tests / questions are the real deal. The fact that Princeton and Kaplan GRE preparation books--full of fluff, filler, willful ignorance of the GRE official materials, and typos--sell better than the GRE Super Power Pack is an absolute shame. After many years of receiving scant practice material from ETS, I am relieved to say that ETS has now provided enough official materials for a nearly full preparation for the GRE, so the purchase of other learning and strategy guides can be kept to a minimum. I say "nearly" full because 2 CATs (computer adaptive tests) is not

enough. The physical books are a nice asset, as are the paper-based practice tests, but for a computer adaptive test, you have to spend lots of time preparing on a computer. For this purpose I prefer to buy a single book from the Manhattan Prep GRE series (such as A GRE Fractions, Decimals, & Percents (Manhattan Prep GRE Strategy Guides)) , in order to gain access to its 6 online CATs. No, they are not real GREs, but they are still decent for practice. It is worth noting that this is primarily a book for practice, not learning. The answer explanations in these books can sometimes be severely lacking, or in the case of the PowerPrep tests, nonexistent, which is part of why hiring a professional tutor can be helpful. However, for the disciplined and resourceful self-studier, these three books, the 2 (invaluable!) PowerPrep II CATs, a good vocab guide or two, a strategy guide (avoid Kaplan and Princeton--I prefer Barron's and/or Manhattan) and some third-party CATs should do the trick.

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I had to retake the GRE after my old scores expired. I used another prep brand then and was not a fan. This pack had great reviews and it's made by the test makers themselves, so why not? It was a great decision. I scored higher than when I was in college. I loved the explanations of the questions. They were really helpful on the topics that were foggy from years of being out of academics. The practice exams look just like the regular exam and it was nice to see the formatting so I knew what to expect. I highly recommend these prep materials, even if you're in the middle of college now. Many of the questions are not even designed for you to figure out the answer, but to be able to reason the best choice quickly. Practice a lot and time yourself. Be sure to look up other free prep materials and pointers as well (Magoosh was a good supplement). Also, all of the potential writing topics are posted online. USE THEM.

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