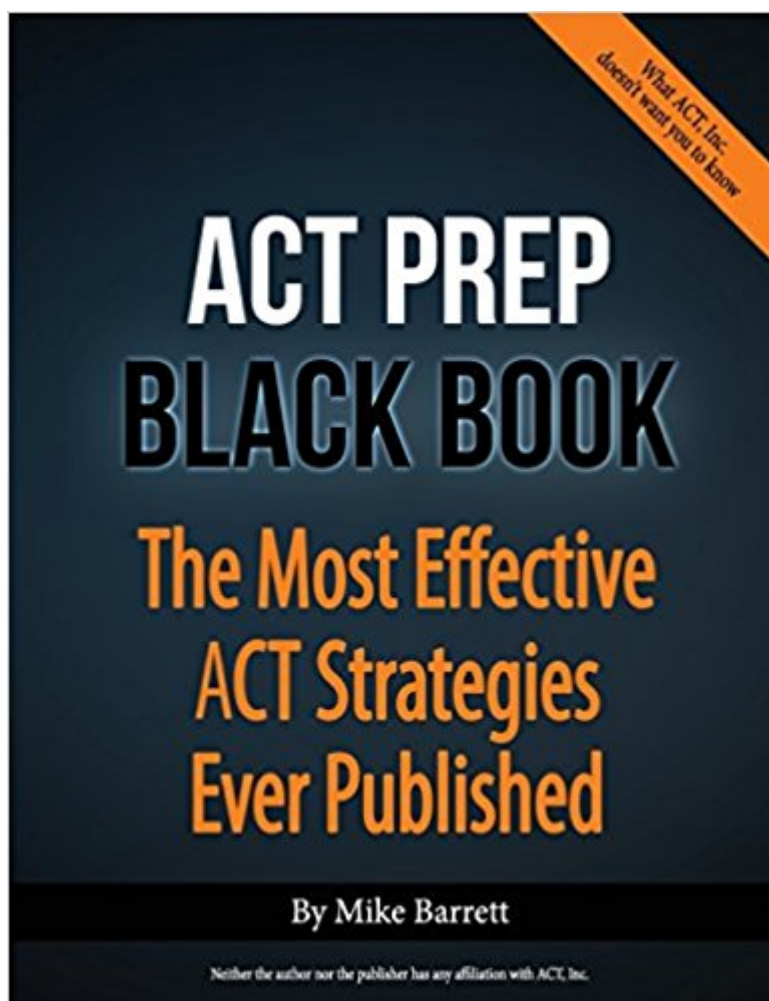


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ACT Prep Black Book: The Most Effective ACT Strategies Ever Published



Synopsis

Click the "look inside" feature above to browse the Black Book and get a feel for how it approaches the ACT! The "ACT Prep Black Book" gives you unique, effective ACT strategies from Mike Barrett, an ACT tutor with clients all over the globe who pay him hundreds of dollars an hour for phone tutoring. The Black Book is a must-have, whether you need to make a perfect 36 to be competitive at an Ivy, score a 10 in each section to claim a sports scholarship, or anything in between. The Black Book works best when used with the authentic ACT questions in the "Red Book," which is the Real ACT Prep Guide, 3rd Edition, by ACT, Inc. The Black Book shows you how to beat the ACT, while the Red Book gives you real ACT questions to practice with. (The ACT Prep Black Book has no affiliation with ACT, Inc.) The Black Book and the Red Book are all you need to get your best possible ACT score. Why is the Black Book the ideal ACT book? It actually works, for one thing. You'll learn to use the ACT's own design flaws against it. The Black Book is a clear, concise roadmap to the ACT. (See the partial table of contents below). It explains exactly how every ACT question works, and how to beat it in the least time possible. The Black Book contains over 200 original solutions for real ACT questions from the Red Book, so you know it actually works. (You'll need the 3rd edition of the Red Book to use these solutions. But you shouldn't always trust the Red Book's own explanations of its questions, believe it or not! As Mike demonstrates repeatedly, the Red Book's explanations frequently rely on faulty and inconsistent reasoning. Mike shows you what's really going with the ACT in a way that the Red Book does not.) Click the "look inside" feature above to browse the Black Book and get a feel for how it approaches the ACT!

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Customer Reviews

Mike Barrett has been helping people do better on standardized tests since he was in high school. In college, he worked briefly for Kaplan but left when it became clear to him that the Kaplan method was irreconcilably different from the way he naturally thought about the test. A few months after Mike graduated from college with a degree in linguistics, his younger brothers needed help with the SAT, so he taught them his approach to the test. Word of their success spread throughout their high school, and Mike was soon offering informal SAT tutoring to a few dozen of his brothers' friends. One of those students recommended to Mike that he set up his own SAT preparation company. He thought about that for a couple of weeks and decided to pursue it. Since then, Mike has used a variety of channels to help tens of thousands of students with the SAT, PSAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, GMAT, ISEE, and SSAT. He regularly travels to work with students all across the United States, and consults with students all over the world through Skype. He speaks at live events as well, and is available for booking. Mike's ACT strategies are so different from the traditional approach because he analyzes standardized tests from the ground up, rather than simply assuming that they cover the material they claim to cover. In other words, most ACT tutors and courses teach the same math, reading, and writing skills that you learn in high school, because they mistakenly assume that the ACT is a test of college readiness. But Mike has looked carefully at large numbers of real ACT

questions, and knows that they don't reward the same things that teachers reward in high school and college. According to Mike, ACT questions generally rely on very basic concepts but present them in very strange ways. So students who want to improve their test scores shouldn't waste time re-learning what they've already learned in school - instead, they should learn how the ACT actually works, so they can take their existing knowledge and leverage it into a higher score. And this is exactly what Mike teaches you to do in the ACT Prep Black Book. If you want to understand how the ACT actually works, you need to read this book.

Supurb book with a clear approach to getting a high score. And explanations of the why of hundreds of frequently missed questions. It is a must-have book if you want to have a coherent and logical and productive preparation experience.

I did well on the ACT myself back in the day, and I checked out this book along with some others so I could give a recommendation to a young relative who's getting ready to take the test. This ACT book is the only one I have seen that actually takes the exam apart on a fundamental level. It shows the reader how to figure out which parts of a question are important and then figure out the correct answer without any guesswork-- even on the dreaded science and english sections, which are usually the ones that seem hardest for most young people. One other thing I appreciate in this book is the way it stresses the importance of the mental aspect of test-taking. As Barrett explains, scoring well on the ACT is all about doing simple things correctly, over and over again. Barrett explains what those simple things are-- and then he goes the extra step of helping the reader understand exactly what it takes to achieve the high levels of accuracy that are necessary. This is reflected in the hundreds of sample solutions in the book and also in the many short chapters on technique, focus, practice, and all of those other related skills that make the difference between an okay score and an elite one. Just one more small note: To get the maximum benefit from this book, you'll need a copy of the ACT's official "Red Book" too. This is the only source of real test questions and it's essential to a good prep plan. These two books are all you need IMHO.

My son upped his score by 3 points using this book. I'm going to have my younger kids start reading and practicing earlier using this book and I'm confident they'll get even better results. When you look at ACT questions, they look like nothing you've seen before. This book does a great job of explaining that all of the questions are testing something you DO know, and how to figure out what the real question is. Knowing that is a confidence boost, but to get results you really must do

practice tests (from the Red Book) AND check them while constantly thinking about how the questions illustrate the points Barrett made in this book. This book was very valuable!

Raised my sons ACT score by 4 points, and he only had about a week to look at the book before the test. Hoping for an even better score next time!

Best prep book I've ever come across. Don't waste your money on other books or prep classes, buy this book and get the supplement Red Book that the author tells you to get and your score will significantly increase. It helped me more than a \$1,000 prep course. I highly recommend it.

This is a very good way of reviewing for the act if your like me and need a refresher or two over certain subjects.

Good guide to help prepare for the important test

This Book was so Helpful and he explains everything so clearly. I am a 52 year old female returning to school and this was perfect. It goes over anything you will encounter on the ACT. (Simplified even for me! Lol)

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