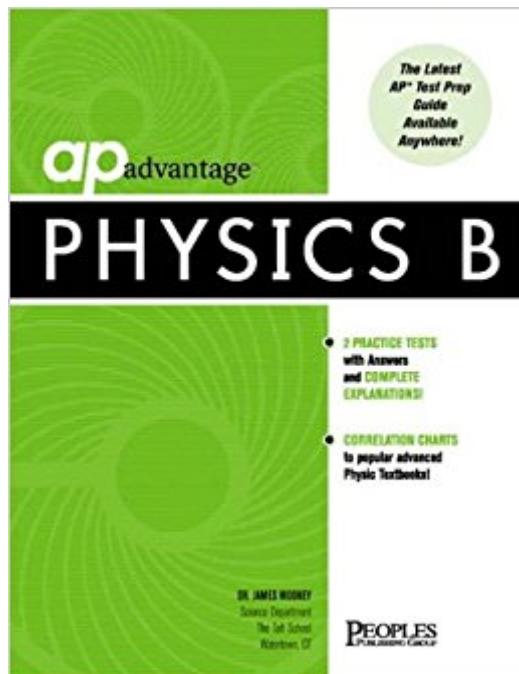


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AP Advantage: Physics B



Synopsis

This book reviews content from recent AP Physics exams. The book contains everything students need to prepare for success on the AP exam, including:

- * Numerous worked-out examples and practice exercises with clear explanations
- * Specific test-taking strategies for free-response and multiple-choice sections of the exam
- * Complete practice tests with explanations

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Customer Reviews

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I used this book extensively a week before my AP Physics exam and I got a 4 on the actual exam and 82% on my class final. I ended up with the highest grade in my AP Physics class. Needless to say I love this book. The practice exams in the back are nice to. They pose questions very similar to the actual AP exam.

This was a great way for me to save on my college books. The book is exactly like what they sell at the college bookstore and I saved a lot of money. I always tried to buy my college textbooks online at .

If you're looking to self-study for the AP Physics B exam, it would be pretty difficult with this book. AP Physics B, itself, is a pretty hard class to self-study for in actuality. However, the explanations

and concepts in this book are thorough and clear, and this book actually helped me a lot with my AP Physics class. My class didn't really use a textbook, and many students used this as a guide to help them with homework problems. This is a great supplement to an AP Physics class. Personally, this was my favorite book out of all the ones I used to study for the test. I studied from Barrons, Princeton Review, 5 Steps to a 5, Kaplans (though only briefly) and this one. The main issue with this book is that their practice questions are just average - most of them are too easy and are there to reinforce the concepts the book reviewed. I also found errors within the solutions. I would use the explanations for this book but practice with released free-response and multiple choice questions from the Collegeboard in order to gauge at how well you do.

My school district gave this book for free to every AP Physics B student. It was a generous offer, yet the book should have been a different one. This book isn't all that great; it isn't what a student would exactly look for. Each topic is explained very briefly, yet the practice questions are killers. The difficulty of the practice questions doesn't signify that it is good for the skill of the student, but rather they seem to serve confusion than thorough thinking. The questions are way above the level of the difficulty of the actual AP exam, and end up confusing the reader, and even the answer explanations don't give much help, not to mention the chapter reviews. If anything, this book is lacking experience. One is better getting The Princeton Review book, which offers many practice questions and sample questions, reinforces what's to know for the exam, and give detailed (yet not too detailed) chapter reviews. A true experience is that at one point my teacher even said some of the questions in the AP Advantage book were "bad" and too off target, and told us to skip a few questions while reviewing for a test. Again, this book lacks experience. Being the "latest AP review book in the market" is misleading. It might be a fresh outlook on the whole subject, but not enough to help one feel confident or score well on the exam. The Physics C book received good reviews, but this one is not detailed enough, and the author seems like he relies on one's background knowledge of Physics that he/she learns in class to solve his problems instead of his own explanations.

The questions in this book are terrific but the solutions are riddled with errors. A new edition with the solutions re-edited would make this a great book for use as a source of supplemental problems and review materials for any student enrolled in AP Physics B. Mooney's problems really get at the heart what is fundamentally important for a Physics B student to understand.

While I wouldn't at all recommend this book by itself, it helped a lot when I used it together with my AP Physics class. The problems were at the right level, I think, for the test, which couldn't be said for the book. It also explained some concepts in much simpler terms, which was a big help in getting my head around them, as opposed to my textbook.

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