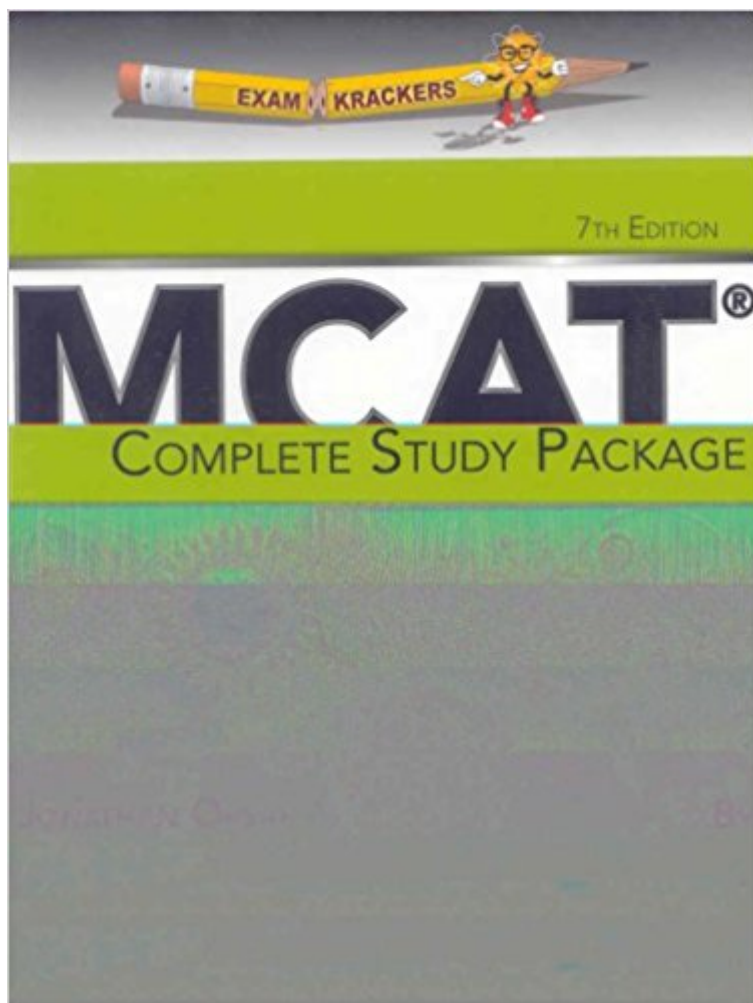


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Customer Reviews

So I recently took the MCAT and used both the Kaplan prep course (which, of course, included the books) and had this EK completely study pkg laying around as well. Kaplan does a great job of prepping you for the test via their online resources (for example, chapter reviews, practice MCATs... etc) which is really important for getting acquainted with the strenuous and novel layout of the exam itself. However, I found Kaplan's books gave me an overview of what my science text books gave me, which is great, however, at the same time, they failed to deliver the information in a way that would allow you to be able to make quick connections between concepts, which is essential for someone taking the MCAT. The Kaplan books are great if you are someone who needs a mild refresher of the information. Now, enough about Kaplan. The Exam Kracker's books really helped me make quick connections between concepts by explaining how the MCAT will probably test your knowledge during the exam. I understood the information the first time around when it was presented to me, but I was certainly dusty on how to approach, for example, the conceptual questions in the physical sciences section in a manner that would yield the right answer while saving me time. Exam Kracker's taught me the tricks of the trade, if you will. I felt like the books were very helpful if you're someone who can't get a lot out of going to a class, like Kaplan's, and are much more a home study/self teaching type student. At times, the way the Exam Kracker's book is set up with things written in the margins and text all over the place kind of overwhelmed me, but

after reading Kaplan's books, these were a lot more fun! Anyway, the overall point is that the Exam Kracker's books are just as good as the Kaplan books - it really just depends on what aspect of the knowledge you really need help with. If you just need a review go with Kaplan, but if you need help with associated concepts to one another and forming complex connections between information to help save on time - go with Exam Krackers. At the end of the day, I would suggest doing a prep course and getting these books to help fill in the gaps. btw: Kaplan's books haven't been edited in awhile, so you find yourself learning concepts that won't appear on the MCAT (especially with respect to organic chemistry). Hope this helped anyone taking the MCAT and in need of some advice! I haven't gotten my scores back (get released on Sept. 20th), but my practice exams fluctuated from a 33-37 if that helps validate this review!

Up-and-coming MCAT prep brand. Becoming more popular each year. Best aspect of the book- extremely readable!! Studying for such difficult, and broad exams can be daunting, and easily become overwhelming. I realized how much of a difference a simple concept such as format can make; nice font, colors, good spacing, good quality pages make these books a much easier and tolerable read than other brands. Explains concepts well and in easy-to-understand ways. Cons: These books are not as comprehensive as other sources (but most of that should be made up if you do lots of questions- which are the ideal way to prepare once you have your basic knowledge down, IMO). Give this brand a try, and you will be impressed!

I signed up for the Kaplan classroom course since everyone told me you "have to" take a prep course in order to be on equal footing with everyone else. If someone told you that, do NOT listen to them! It was the worst \$1900 I have ever spent. I took the MCAT two weeks after my class finished, as Kaplan suggested, and did not reach the 30 mark. Please, save your money and buy the ExamKrackers prep books instead! I read all five lesson books, listened to the Audio Osmosis CDs, bought official AAMC practice exams and practiced taking them, and also practiced reading a few verbal passages from their 101 Verbal Passages book. ExamKrackers strategies are much more effective than anything I learned with Kaplan and the books tell you just enough information to succeed on the exam. I know a few of my friends did meticulously study from all their notes by matching them to the AAMC website's outlines, but I didn't want to waste my time digging through thousands of pages of notes. Thanks to ExamKrackers, I got above 30 on my second MCAT. I would highly recommend that you finish all your premed courses before you attempt the MCAT. Also, make sure you buy a few of the official old AAMC exams to practice with. I know the latter are

pricey, but they are the only tests that are indicative of the real thing. Best of luck. If you decide to buy these, you are making the right decision and won't be disappointed.

I will say that the concepts are presented well. These books were all I used and rocked a 38 on the MCAT. This set used to be the golden ticket to getting a good score. I was very nervous about getting this product but it was well worth it. I'm very happy that I got it and it's probably the reason that I got into medical school. It still is something that helps me because I remember all the mnemonics. This is a great product and would buy again.

I would recommend reading the feed back from Robert McKee. I think that he may be on to something. I only bought these because a professor recommended them (but he was that smart). Pros:-The company has a lot of practice problems (sold separately), which helps for practice.-They do an okay job at reviewing the basic material covered on the MCAT. Cons:-I've found quite a few errors, especially in the problems, and occasionally in the material. Their website has all the errors listed, but you have to pay a subscription to join the forum for access to what these errors are.-I don't particularly like how they claim to be the supreme MCAT authority, claiming that using any other review will be detrimental to your score.-The jokes are stupid, and not helpful.-They have not released a recent edition for many years now, which means that they are now out dated. Recommendations:-If you want a good review course, go with Kaplan. They are the gold standard of MCAT/LSAT review.-You may consider going to the AAMC's MCAT page and download the PDF document that list all the topics covered on the MCAT and look them up on your own using textbooks and other sources.-Practice lots of problems.-Take lots of practice test.

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