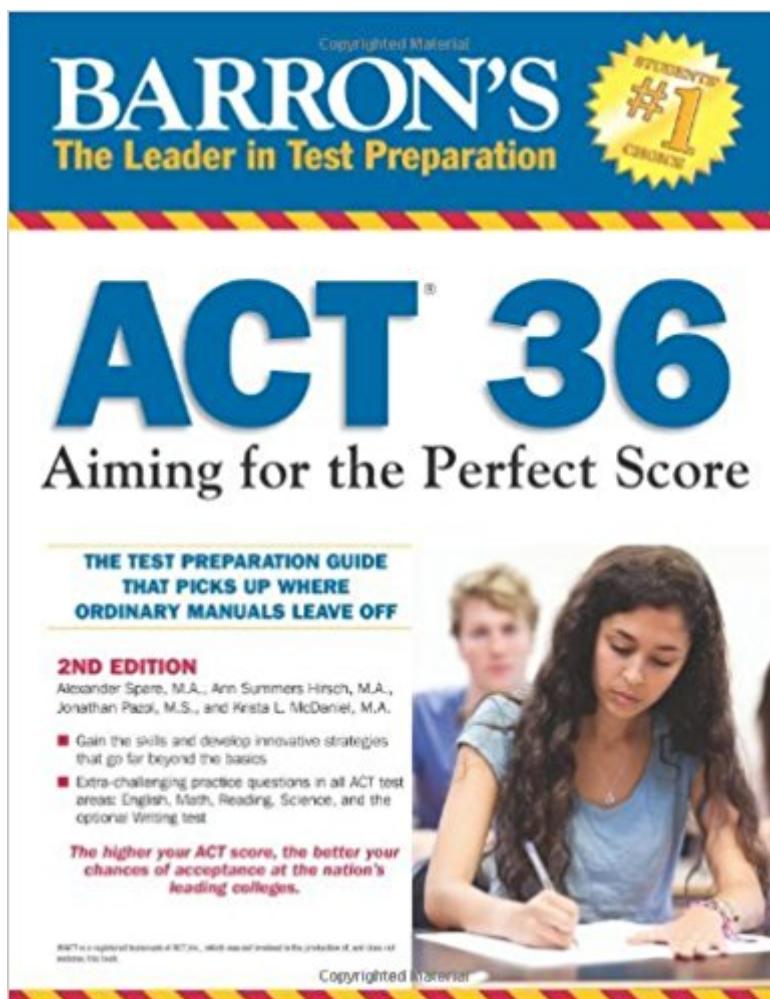


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An ACT test score of 36 represents test-taking perfection. College-bound students who approach this score are more likely to gain acceptance into the nation's finest colleges. Students who are focusing on getting an exceptionally high or even perfect score on the ACT will want to get their hands on this innovative book. Inside, they'll find:Advice and strategies for tackling the ACT's most difficult questions and coming up with winning answersExtra-challenging practice tests in all ACT test areas: English, Math, Reading, Science, and the optional Writing testInstruction on reading efficiently and retentivelySpecial tips for boosting your science scoreDetailed advice on writing a winning essay Book can be purchased alone or with an optional CD-ROM presenting a full-length ACT practice test that closely matches the real ACT with answers, plus 50 extra-difficult questions with answers.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a parent of a son who attempted to improve the score and he achieved it. The reason for my review, I went through the pain of finding out what is the best book to coach. So we purchased different(used) books, each one has its own strength and weakness. His score improved from 28 to 33. So I asked him to rank the books which he would recommend for others -1) Real ACT2) Barron's ACT 36 and the other ACT books of Barron's3) Princeton4) For practice he used McGraw-Hill - 10 exams5) Used online websites in local library to try the practice exam. My local

town lib provided two real exams. He felt it was a good one. Bottom line, I coached him and didn't send to any other coaching centers. I asked him to review the concepts in each book then practice. The drill was each weekend for last 3 months. One full test over the weekend including writing. We tracked the practice test score consistently and observed the pattern. Except for Math and Science his exam score was same as practice (35). So the Math and Science questions in these books could be easier than the real exam; he scored lower than the practice test. Few days before the exam, we went through all his mistakes on all subjects. For Math, I reviewed the concepts along with him as mistakes were reviewed. We both spent time to review Geometry, Trigonometry and math formulas/concept. A day before the exam I asked him to review ACT 36 book tips and quick bite of the information. He felt it was a good recap. He is junior in high school and I asked him to try one more time to improve 1 or 2 points or shoot for perfect score as he got the grip of it. Let us see. Practice, Practice...then review the mistakes slowly to strengthen the skills. That's all. There are no other secret books or flash card gimmicks or coaching center. Again every student has their own style of studying and parent involvement. The first exam he took was on his own and preparation. Second one, I felt a need to coach and shape him better. It paid off. Sharing our experience and most important with practice and efforts the score can be improved. Hope this helps for parents/student googling for ACT info. Good luck!!

This book is excellent for students seeking to achieve very high scores on the ACT. It is not the best for someone taking the test for the first time or aiming for a score in the 20's, as it assumes the reader already has solid knowledge of the concepts covered by the ACT. Rather, it helps students to fine tune their math, English, reading, and science (interpreting data) skills while learning tips and tricks to navigate the ACT. It helped me to score a 34 followed by a 36 on the ACT.

There were a lot of mistakes in the tests (on the CD). I bought this book 2 weeks before the actual test. My son had very little time to review and he was already getting high scores on the regular tests, so I thought this would be challenging and perfect for him to review as he would tackle only difficult problems. However, after just a few sections, we kept the book aside. Some of the questions were weirdly phrased just to make them sound difficult. It is not a good idea to review this book towards the end and lose your confidence. Better to stick with Real ACT guide for actual test experience.

I bought this book to prepare me for the ACT with no prior knowledge of the ACT. The English and

Reading sections were the clearest and easiest to understand, which really showed when I received my scores. The math section was not very clear and was worded in a confusing way. The science section was helpful but was still hard to follow sometimes. But this prep book provided a lot of practice questions which was very helpful. Overall, this book did help me quite a bit and I would recommend it--especially to someone who has no previous experience with the ACT and has time to study for it.

I loved the book, it has a good pep talk in the beginning; however, I found it going over the same topics covered in the free online sparknotes ACT prep. I still recommend the book.

So this is my mom's account but I'm actually writing the review. I bought this book because I have never taken the ACT's and it seemed like a decent preparatory book. I am 17 years old, and I'm going to be a senior this fall. I took the test on June and I got my results yesterday. Honestly, this book was so helpful in the English section. I think that was its strong suit. You have to make sure that you take in every little information on the English section, because almost everything that's stated in here shows up on the actual test. Don't skim. There might be information that seems like it's common sense, go over it anywhere. The reading section was awesome too. I went over each section and made sure I knew why I got the answers wrong. The math section was not as strong as the English or reading. It was a lot easier than what I faced on the actual test. I'm pretty sure I guessed on at least 5 questions because I had never seen such a question. The science section was SO much easier on the Barrons book than the ACT test. I was getting every question right on the prep book, but my scores told me otherwise. I think it's more attributed to the lack of time I had. You have to know that this book is great for technique and introduction. But for actual test like stimulation, this book is not for you. I used this book and the ACT Red book (for that stimulated test exercise) and I got a 31 composite score. English: 33 Math: 33 Reading: 35 Science: 24. Science brought me down so so much. I just need to sharpen up my science, and I think my score will be in a good place. I hope this was helpful, good luck with your test!!!! :)

This book has some great strategies for some of the hardest sections, like science. Managed to get a 33 in that section (which is very high for Science) with the use of tips in this book. It equally goes over the other sections well, but that was I thought made this book most noteworthy.

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