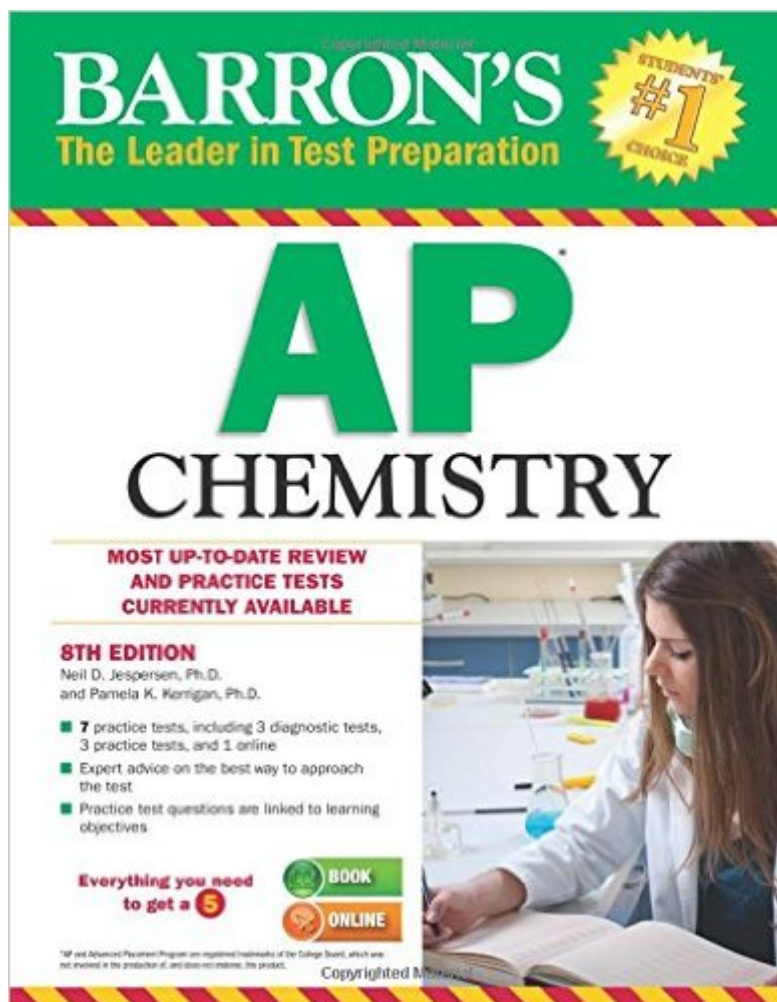


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Study tips and test-taking strategies  
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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book as an extremely nervous and hectic junior who was scared for his own life coming into the AP chemistry exam. Now, after the fact (and having scored a 5), I would have to say this book is definitely overkill. Does it help you study and prepare thoroughly? Yes, but I think it goes into unnecessary depth, and some subjects that were covered by the book weren't even on the exam! But honestly, it's always better to go in over-prepared, just in case the test makers decide to trip you up with an obscure topic. Overall, it's an okay book and worth a quick read-through, but I wouldn't spend too much time with it. 4/5 stars because it wasn't as effective and helpful as it could've been. I wouldn't skip over it completely either, because it definitely hits some key points that helps you immensely during the test. For a gauge of how difficult the actual AP exam was, imagine somewhere between the difficulty of the example tests on collegeboard (easy) and the

practice tests on this (very hard). But the actual test is definitely NOT as hard as the practice tests in this book, and there's no use to worry needlessly if you can't answer some (or quite a few) ridiculously hard questions and freak out about not being prepared (which is what I did).

contains the material but if you don't already have a good handle on it the book doesn't help too much. Great for big concepts but not critical thinking. I also found a lot of mistakes in the practice end-of-chapter questions. It actually made me understand the material better by picking out mistakes, but most students will probably be confused with the contradictions. Not impressed

This book has rather good quality in the area of context, but the practice exams are horrible...absolutely horrible. First, the content of the practice exams doesn't reflect the actual AP exam closely. Second, the practice exams are extremely similar to the other ones on the book. Finally, the practice exams have numerous mistakes in the answers. I highly recommend Princeton review when preparing for the AP exam (I had both when preparing for the exam) because it summarizes the necessary materials to know nicely, and the practice exams are similar to the actual exam and they don't repeat themselves and they also don't have nearly as many errors in the answer.

Most of the questions are fine; some do not have the standard challenges of the new AP Chem exam questions. The Practice Test, however, is still a very good resource for my students. Big book but light in weight, but the paper seems to be off-white.

Recommended by my son's College Prep High School to study for his AP Chemistry exam. My son found the book to be an excellent source to use to study for the exam. Needless to say, the 2016 exam was really hard!

There are lots of mistakes in the book, for example at page 120 the answer for number 5 should be B, page 689 in the first chart the element is  $\text{AgCl}_3$  not  $\text{AgCl}_2$

Somehow different than what I learned...

I have very mixed feelings about this book.....I used the 7th edition to prepare for the AP Chemistry Exam. While there are some improvements to this book over the 7th edition (especially in content

review - we finally see some mass spec and PES charts and the free responses of the practice exams), it remains largely identical to its predecessor. The multiple choice retains the same diagrams from test to test, there is an unnecessary emphasis on nuclear and organic chem- two topics that are of minimal importance if prepping for AP, and some questions are repeated among the practice exams. There is also no scoring worksheet to predict your AP grade. The content review is still solid though. If I were reviewing for the test specifically, Princeton Review and Crash Course are what I would use. Use Barron's if you've got the time and desire to challenge yourself.

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