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First, I should confess that I taught the GRE for years as a private tutor. In fact, I've made a career of teaching standardized tests. I have never worked for or had any contact with Manhattan Prep, though, and I no longer teach the GRE. For those who are unfamiliar with the GRE, it is a bit like the SAT on steroids. Or was. With the 2005 and upcoming changes in the SAT, the gap grows wider (as the GRE also changes). The GRE is used for admission to some graduate schools. But anyone reading this review probably knows that much, so I'll just get to my assessment of the materials. And there are a lot of them. You get six--SIX--books on math. All of the books (including the two non-mathematics books) consist of instruction and an abundance of problems. The math books might seem unnecessary to some since the math on the GRE is generally easier than the math on the SAT, but Manhattan Prep has apparently taken the approach it has based on what I experienced as a tutor: a lot of people for whom math is anathema. And the approach here is slow, friendly, and, frankly, pretty darn good. Those who hate math but are serious about improving their GRE scores will probably not find too much here that is frightening and will likely find much that is helpful. The other two books, "Reading Comprehension & Essays" and "Text Completion & Sentence Equivalence," take a different approach. They don't try to teach reading from the ground up and instead focus on the test. What I mean here is that whereas the math books almost assume complete ignorance of anything beyond multiplication tables, the reading and sentence books assume a fairly high degree of literacy and work more to hone those skills for the exam.

I have hit the proverbial glass ceiling in my career. I know what I want to do should I ever decide to grow up but I need an advanced degree to do it. That means going back to school which, in turn, means taking the GRE. Trouble is, it's been decades since I last took a math course. I have vague

memories of dreading quadratic equations and for some reason I seem to recall liking geometry but that was all the math I could recall before I picked up these books. I was a bit rusty on the kind of thinking required in the verbal section but as I read and write for a living it wasn't nearly as bad. These books are great. First of all, the majority of them (6 out of 8) are devoted to math: algebra, fractions, geometry, number properties, word problems and quantitative comparisons. There are also two books devoted to the verbal section: reading comprehension and text completion. The writing is easy to read, comprehensible and (most important for a working adult) it's broken up into digestible pieces. This means that you can come home, tired, with dinner to make, laundry to do, dogs to feed and walk and if you can carve out maybe 30 minutes of your time before your brain goes to mush, you will be OK. Having said that, be warned that these books aren't going to teach you math or English. Their sole purpose is to remind you about enough of the tricks of the trade to enable you to pass (and hopefully to do well on) a standardized exam. You should have learned this stuff already; now you need to remember this and apply it in a GRE context. The six online exams are helpful but they are six Full online exams. So don't think you can finish a book and take an exam in that subject only; you can't. A really neat feature of the online exams though is that you can pause them.

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