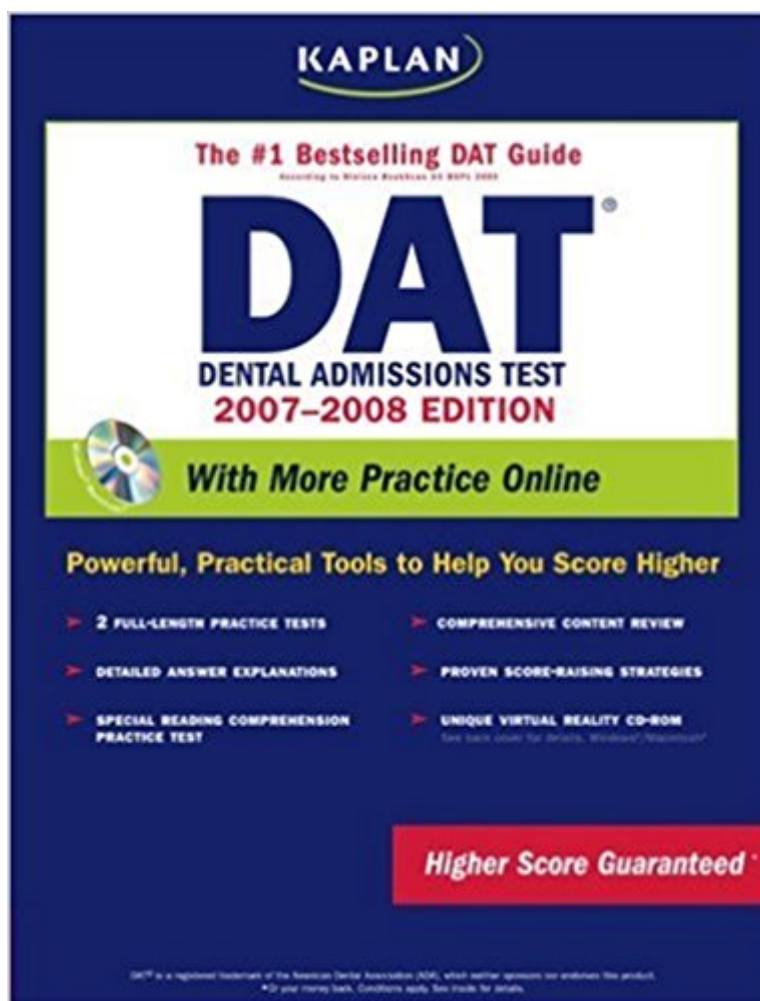


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Customer Reviews

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Alot of review information. Great summary for all subjects that will appear in the DATs. Has a full test in the back with answers

THIS BOOK DID NOT COME WITH THE CD ROM THAT IT CLAIMED TO COME WITH THE QUESTIONS ARE MOSTLY ON THE CD ROM ACCORDING TO THE BOOK BUT THIS BOOK DIDNT COME WITH IT LIKE IT SAID ON THE TITLE

I received everything that I expected, in the time I expected. Everything worked out just fine.

The science portion of this book was pretty comprehensive in "topics" however I found myself referring back to my text book many times for details, clarification and examples. I am "horrible" and "slow" with math and QR in this book did not help at all. Putting off the math section until week before the test earned me 15 on QR though I ended up making a "wild", not educated, guess in

more than half of the questions (I am still proud I managed 15 :) I have taken the Kaplan course and did not find the class itself useful other than instructions in how to take the test(it is not worth \$1000+)! However, their online subject tests (similar to 6-7 full length test with explanation) were pretty darn useful. I thought it prepared me well for the science section, and was surprised how easy the science section felt while taking the actual DAT (got me 22 in science avg). I haven't tried the "Top-score Pro computerized DAT product, but many be you can get the same benefit for \$50 for what it cost at their website. Kaplan's perceptual section threw me off in the folding dotted page section as the ones on the actual test had much smaller dots. For some reason, this really distracted me and threw me off. I am an average joe and a slow learner but was able to manage 19 academic (with 15 on QR) and 20 pat. LOL, applied many but didn't get in! Perhaps a bad year (avg of 3000 applicant per school, insane!!)? Don't lose hope guys, apply and apply again and you'll eventually get in! I think this route will give you an opportunity to appreciate things more? Most people don't even have this opportunity! SMILE~

I took a DAT pre-test and got a 14 overall, so I knew I had a lot of work to do before taking the actual test. I picked this up and started studying during my free time for about a month and then took the test. I did pretty decent (academic average: 19 PAT: 20). With that said, there are a couple of things about this book you should know. For starters, if you consider yourself a visual learner you probably shouldn't get this. The diagrams are pretty sparse and terrible when they do appear. I found this particularly painful in the biology section. Overall, I would say that the biology section of the book is pretty much worthless and really doesn't get deep enough into the subject. With that said, the general chem section is pretty well done as it cuts the crap and gives you all the formulas you really need. The O. Chem section is also pretty decent. I didn't bother to read the quantitative reasoning section so I can't comment on that. What I can tell you is that this book will build your confidence, but it comes at a price: a lot of the questions here seem a bit easier than the actual DAT. Maybe I just got unlucky with topics, but I felt as though the book left me with a false sense of accomplishment. On the practice CD-ROM I scored a 24 on the PAT...But, if you don't want to drop 1000 dollars on the Kaplan course (which I have not taken and know nothing about) and you're the type of person like me who doesn't need a structured environment to learn, then have at it and good luck.

The Kaplan review book is average at best. The DAT requires a greater understanding and detail than is presented in the review sections. For example, the probability section features only one of

the three equations that examinees could be asked to utilize. Furthermore, I give the CD-ROM a poor rating because the reading comprehension passages can not be properly navigated. When the scroll tool is used, it jumps past several lines, making it difficult and sometimes impossible to read and/or retrieve the information needed to answer the question(s). This issue resurfaces when scrolling through any explanations with higher word counts.

This book is absolutely HORRIBLE. Everything was just WAY too easy. The biology and chemistry portions consist of one-liners that barely scratch the surface of a topic. The spatial aptitude review problems are way too easy to even compare to anything you would see on the actual DAT. Plus, there aren't a lot of them to practice on. I have never felt more "scammed" in the purchase of a book. I can't believe that such a well respected company like Kaplan would dare publish a test aid that was so watered-down.

This is the only book I used to study for the DAT and I got a very good score (Academic Average 21 and PAT 19). I had already taken the classes covered in the book (minus the PAT part) so it was more for review rather than learning the test objectives. There are a few mistakes in the book and a couple mistakes in the PAT part of the CD-Rom, but most of the information is correct and very comprehensive. I felt that this book gave me ample preparation for the actual exam and would recommend it to anyone who learns well by reviewing texts and taking practice exams. The perceptual ability section was extremely helpful as well.

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