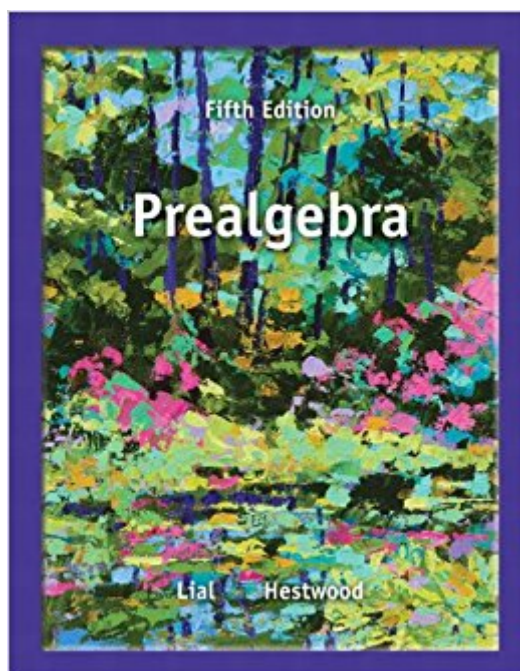


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## Customer Reviews

Marge Lial (late) became interested in math at an early age—it was her favorite subject in the first grade! Marge's intense desire to educate both her students and herself inspired the writing of numerous best-selling textbooks. Marge, who received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from California State University at Sacramento, was affiliated with American River College. An avid reader and traveler, her travel experiences often found their way into her books as applications, exercise sets, and feature sets. She was particularly interested in archeology; trips to various digs and ruin sites produced some fascinating problems for her textbooks involving such topics as the building of Mayan pyramids and the acoustics of ancient ball courts in the Yucatan. We dedicate the new editions of the paperback developmental math series to Marge in honor of her contributions to the field in which she helped thousands of students succeed. Diana Hestwood lives in Minnesota and has taught at Metropolitan Community College in Minneapolis for two decades. She has done research on the student brain and is an expert on study skills. She is the author of Lial/Hestwood's Prealgebra and coauthor of Lial/Salzman/Hestwood's Basic Math and Lial/Hestwood/Hornsby/McGinnis's Prealgebra and Introductory Algebra.

Love this book! I am a former middle school math teacher turned homeschooling mom to 4 kiddos. My oldest daughter (5th grade) finished Right Start Math level E last year. We did some of RS Geometry this year but it was a bit tedious for her so I wanted to mix in some prealgebra. This is a perfect transition. The book has a great layout, plenty of problems (we do odds only unless she is having trouble with a topic and I plan to use the evens as review later in the year), a review section and test for each chapter. I was involved in district text selection when I was teaching so I had a chance to compare many different texts and this is hands down my favorite. Many of the commercial publishers have texts that are too busy visually for the majority of students. Kids get lost in the graphics, colors, and asymmetrical layouts and have trouble discerning what is important or even what they should be reading. Not so here. Also, the word problems are actually interesting. I have seen so many books where the word problems are so contrived and fake that they don't really seem to be good examples of the topic, or where the authors talk down to the students. Lial's prealgebra has none of these flaws. The explanations and examples are clear, uncluttered, straightforward, and presented in an authoritative, yet understandable tone. My daughter is able to read and complete problems independently about 95% of the time because the text is so well written. I grabbed this as a used copy and the price was so reasonable that I let my daughter complete problems right in the text. I plan to grab copies for my other children as well as to purchase Lial's other books as they grow into them.

We're homeschooling our 12 yr old for the first time this year and I needed a Math text that was simple enough for me to understand yet not so easy my son would be bored. I had used another Math text written by Lial for a college level class and was very impressed. This text explains concepts and procedures in simple language and has numerous examples to use. I would recommend buying the accompanying Solutions Manual too. I have had up to college level Calculus and my son has been in public school for 6 yrs so we may have a little stronger Math background than others, but I do think most homeschooling parents would be able to use this book successfully. The concepts are written simply and have a lot of explanations and helpful hints in the "Note" boxes. Example: Purple Note box: "One way to remember which symbol to use is that the "smaller end of the symbol" points to the "smaller number (number that is less).  $1 < 4$ ,  $0 > -3$ . Very practical information and strategies to memorize steps. We'll be getting into Factoring soon (ugh!) and this text breaks it down so that even I can enjoy it.

This textbook was in excellent condition when I received it. The access code is in the book and the

price of the book is reasonable. For instance, this same textbook at the university where I attend is nearly \$300 which I thought was ridiculous. However, my professor stated that it was possible to get only the access code which is under \$100, but I had difficulty locating that particular access code because the access code only came in 4th edition; I needed 5th edition. Overall, when I received the textbook, the access code works and I was able to set up my account/profile for MyMathLab. This book is brand new and the access code has never been used. Very happy with everything!

I thought access code for MyMathlab would be included with the book, but looks like it isn't. My bad! But it would be good this would be made really really clear somewhere in the ad. The book looks bigger than I thought and hence, guess it'll be a very good book. Which the codes were cheaper though.

Being that it has been more years than I care to confess to since I took a math class and am pursuing my Bachelor's after all these years, I decided that I needed to review Pre-Algebra before taking an intermediate Algebra class this upcoming semester. This book is well-structured and explains in just enough detail what steps need to be taken with clarity. Even if math is not your favorite class, this book will help ease the pain.

Using this book to teach my 7th grader at home. Explains things clearly and easily. My only problem is that the answers for all the problems aren't in the back, nor are they in the solutions manual I bought. So I end up having to do some of the problems, which is just time consuming.

I am teaching a 9 year old pre-algebra so I wanted to supplement the textbook with some video lectures on CD in case he needs some extra help. The CDs work, but not without a lot a major tweaking. I could not get QuickTime to play the video files on any of my computers. I had to locate the file folder on the CDs containing all of the video files and then convert each video file to an alternate file format (.MP4) to get them to play properly. Now that I have all of the files in a acceptable format I can do whatever I want with them: burn them to DVDs, save them to a portable hard drive, or even stream them over the could. Just remember that this is an outdated product, but you can get it to work if you are creative.

This book is perfect! The shipping was fast, and the quality of the book is high. The Lial series of math books are wonderful, they have wonderful explanations, and are visually appealing. The books

are made with community colleges in mind, but they work wonderfully for my 7th grade homeschooled child. Thank you!

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