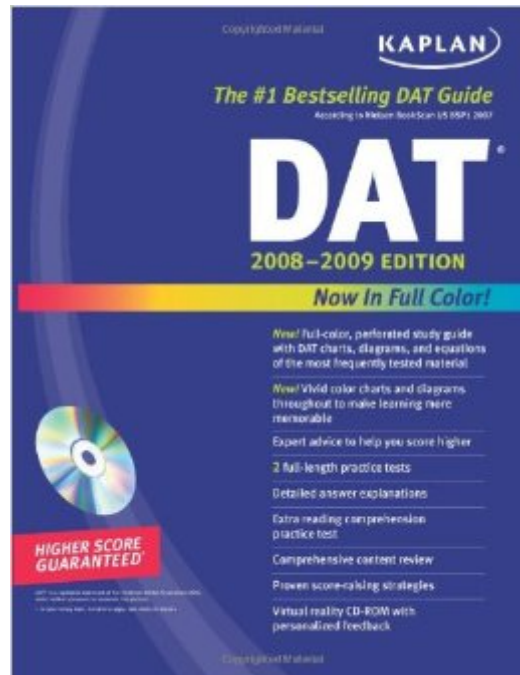


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Customer Reviews

I'm taking an MCAT course this summer b/c I'm taking the MCAT and DAT. I'm studying science through my MCAT course, so I bought this book for PAT, math, and reading comp review. I also bought Barron's. Compared to Barron's the PAT and reading comp section are VERY skimpy. In Kaplan, the PAT questions seem too easy and they barely offer any tips on how to tackle them. I didn't have a strong grasp on PAT after reading it. The reading comp section is merely a practice reading comp test (how am I supposed to do well on it if they don't offer any strategy beforehand?). Barron's has a very comprehensive PAT section, which I highly recommend, and the reading section at least has some advice. I haven't taken a good look at the science sections yet, but Kaplan seems stronger in science than Barron's and it definitely has a bigger math section. The main reason why I bought Kaplan is because it has a practice computer test, which is crucial for getting used to computer-based testing, and it's the most updated DAT study material available. I will also be purchasing the TopScore tests, which also just came out with a 2008 version for extra practice. In a nutshell, I wouldn't study for the DAT from the Kaplan book alone, but it seems like a good study guide overall.

This book is pretty good but its a little too broad. The ideas are unorganized and often it doesn't explain them very well. Other than that I still benefited from it. The most useful thing for the DAT that I found out was the Exam Crackers books that are designed for the MCAT.

This is exactly like the optometry review notes except for dumbed down. I wouldn't buy it unless you are studying the DAT. It has the same practice tests as all the other optometry/DAT booklets. It wasn't special to me.

This book is probably one of the best DAT study books out there, but I would still give it an average rating. It will help orient your thoughts toward the questions they might ask, but, by no means, gives you all of the answers. I ended buying MCAT study books for the general chemistry and orgo sections to complement my study and did well on the DAT. I thought this book was cool to learn about the visual perception exam and the reading comprehension section, but the actual tests are always going to be different than the prep books. CD was pretty good too. Overall, it helped and was a lot cheaper than doing the class. Bottom line, buy, rent, or borrow the book, but don't become reliant on it for a total prep solution. Use other resources as well for practice and prep.

I was hesitant to purchase the book at first because I had already taken the Princeton Review Course for the MCAT. However, I learned more from this Kaplan DAT book than the \$1700 Princeton Review course. It's in color so pictures are aesthetically pleasing. It also comes with little excerpts on the side provided by Kaplan to assist in memorizing hard concepts. At the end, there is also a perforated guide to the most important, most tested materials on the DAT. The CD was filled with tests. I expected it to be filled with animations on hard to understand concepts, but I can't complain. I can just Google those. Overall very happy.

I'm only a quarter of the way through this book, but I can already tell you that it's a quality review tool. It's detailed enough to give you all the information you'll need to know for the exam, yet concise enough to articulate the information quickly and efficiently. My favorite part about his book is the DAT synopses, which sums the most important information up in a box, and the Kaplan Exclusives, which help you remember certain facts and principles easily.

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