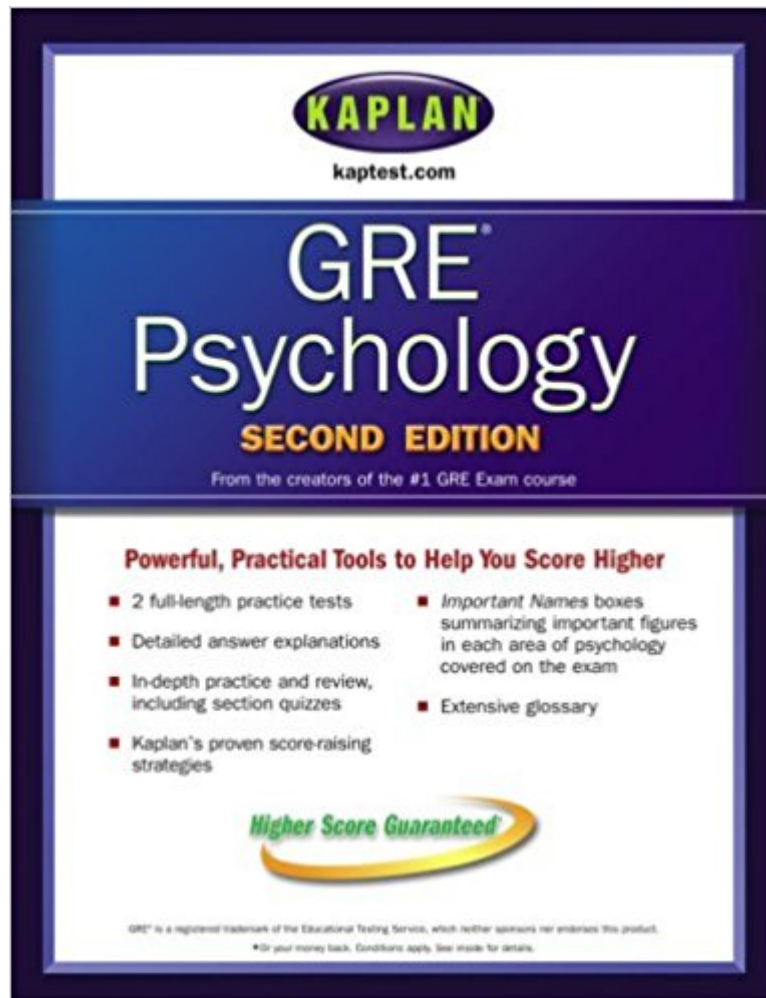


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I used all three of the major books (this one, Barron's, and Princeton Review's) to study for this exam, and the Kaplan book was by far the best. First, it had more comprehensive information than the others, without unnecessary details that the test does not cover. It does a good job of putting

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I took the Psychology GRE in April this year, and for the most part, I studied using only this book and no other source for about 3 months. (3 days prior to the exam, I read an entire intro psych textbook.) The book does an extremely good job of simplifying all the terms and concepts for each major area, but unfortunately, it's too concise. It leaves out major details that the GRE actually wants you to know. I know this because I took the ETS practice test a few days prior to the exam and I found that while I was familiar with everything on the test, I didn't have a solid knowledge of every topic. My recommendation: please do yourself a favor and study using a REAL psychology textbook, and when combined with this review, you should do okay. (I only scored a 710 - but I'm sure that I would have done worse had I not used the psych textbook nights before the exam!)

This text features concise information printed on telephone-book like paper. This aside, my GRE Psychology subject test scores were excellent. I used this book along with six months worth of steady study time and am extremely pleased with the outcome. If you've had undergraduate courses in clinical, abnormal, developmental, experimental, and social psychology, then this book is good as a stand-alone test preparatory tool. If, however, you lack any of the above courses or want some extra reassurance come test day, then I'd suggest studying with an undergraduate general psychology text as well.

I found Kaplan's Psychology review to be easy to get through and an effective study aid. The chapters were divided by subject matter and covered all major topics. It was a good refresher for those who studied psychology previously. I also used an introductory psychology text book, which I would recommend if you have time. I was disappointed that there were quite a few typos, some of which made the material confusing or contradictory. The questions in the Kaplan book were fairly

indicative of what you find on the actual exam and my practice scores were in line with my actual score. At the last minute I also bought REA's book of practice exams which were very different from the actual test. The two provided by Kaplan were sufficient. It is impossible to cover everything that could be on the exam, and even using both the Kaplan book and a text, I found there were concepts on the exam that I either was not familiar with or had not studied in these books. However, I felt very prepared overall for the exam after extensive studying of this book and would highly recommend it.

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