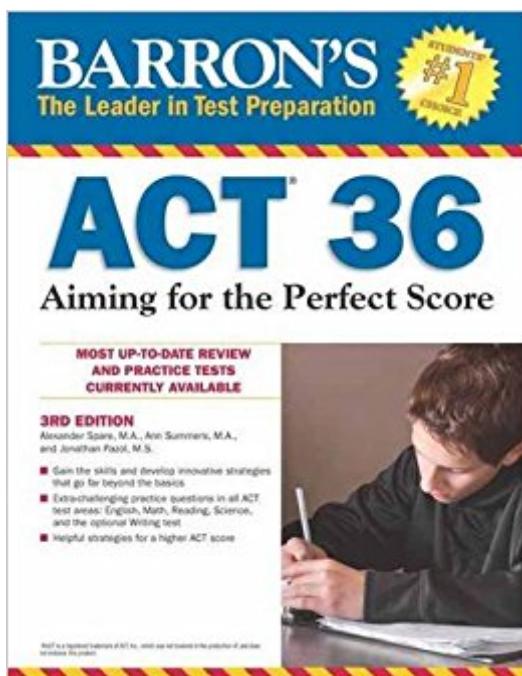


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I've been tutoring the ACT professionally for about 8 years. I'm only giving this book three stars because I don't think it delivers on its promise to get students to a perfect score. A much better title would be, "ACT prep for smart kids who want to improve their scores but who can't be bothered to learn every little thing the ACT will cover". My first area of concern is the English and Math sections. This book doesn't cover all tested concepts (of which there are many) for either section. It covers most of them. How are students supposed to get perfect scores without full coverage? My second main area of concern is question and practice test realism. The writers don't work for the ACT and do not reliably duplicate the nuances and complexities of real ACT questions. Furthermore, they don't point students to the obvious source of better practice material, The Real ACT Prep Guide (published by the ACT). So although this book contains good advice, it's incomplete and certainly not a one-stop-shop for a perfect score. If you REALLY want a perfect score, you'll probably have to analyze several real ACT tests until you can identify what each problem is testing, not just get it right. Additionally, I'd recommend looking for books that just cover one section of the test. These books have a narrower focus and can therefore cover all the little concepts missing from ACT 36.

This is a terrible book. A few sample questions, some elementary, sketchy instructions, and a ton of

mistakes make for a terrible book. I am surprised people gave it 4s and 5s. I really doubt if anyone got 36 after using this book.

My kids really liked this book. Both scored in the 30s.

Book for my grandson, preparing for the ACT exam. He is using several books, and likes the content of this one a lot. I feel the book is getting him better day by day.

Great book to study for the ACT.

It did help on some concepts in the english and a little on the math concepts but it just isn't enough alone to study on if you seriously want to improve on the ACT.

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