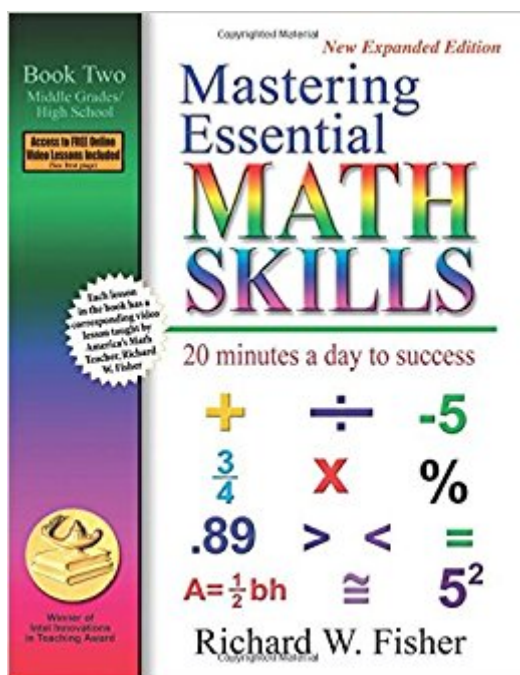


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# Mastering Essential Math Skills: 20 Minutes A Day To Success, Book 2: Middle Grades/High School



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## Customer Reviews

Rick Fisher, America's math teacher, is an math instructor for the Oak Grove School District in San Jose, California. Since graduating from San Jose State University in 1971 with a B.A. in mathematics, Rick has devoted his time to teaching fifth and sixth grade students. Each year approximately one-half of his students bypass seventh grade math and move directly to a high-powered eighth grade algebra program. Rick has developed a highly functional, successful

mathematics teaching system that produces amazing results. Results that he shares in his books.

I don't want to use the word outdated to explain what this book is like. I'd rather use the word old fashioned because it's the same math we had when we were kids, and I think my math skills turned out okay. I am a math teacher after all. I've used this as our main text book in the classroom for the first time this year. Our students loved this book because they felt it was easier to understand than the common core book we were using. Case in point, they were able to do their homework on their own with this book, as opposed to needing extra help when we did the common core stuff. In some cases tho, I'll admit that this book was below grade level. The explanations and examples are a lot gentler than the ones I've seen in those common core books. When you're first learning a concept, you shouldn't start out with incredibly hard examples, and teach them ten different ways to solve a problem because that confuses students and causes them to hate math. Like in this book, examples should start out gently until you've mastered the concepts. What I would like to see though are more practice problems. The extra problems also should be a little more "meaty" than the ones that are found in the book. This can be done very easily on the Mastering Essentials website (hint hint Mr. Fisher). I believe you will find that this book is pretty good, but only if you want to take the express train to algebra. Like an express train bypasses many stations and gets you to the same destination much faster, this is an essentials book. It does not cover many of the obscure topics and tricky word problems that are found on the common core state exams. The bulk of which are not needed in order to learn higher math. For that reason, if your intent is to get your child ready for the common core exam, you will need to supplement this book with a common core aligned math book. On the other hand, if your intent is for your child to actually learn the fundamentals and like math, and not just study to the test, then you should buy this book. Finally, I like the fact that this book has videos that go along with each lesson. And I also love the price! Oh, and one last thing. Although this book says middle and high school, IMHO this book is more for 6th and 7th graders. Once they finish this one, they should be ready for the No Nonsense Algebra book. The only way I'd recommend this be used in high school is as a remedial review for those students who took common core math and didn't learn the basics.

I think this is an excellent review of basic math skills. I think it could be appropriate if you had a high schooler who was struggling with math or a student who just needs a quick refresher on topics like fractions. For many of us, math just doesn't stay in our heads unless we continue to practice it. This is a painless way to review topics as needed. I think the layout is clear and it's easy to open the

book and get busy. However, It's also my opinion that this would not make a good stand alone high school math curriculum, but I don't think the author is trying to imply that. For me, this was just what I was looking for and I am very pleased!

I absolutely love this book. I have been looking for a book like this to review math skills with a struggling tenth grade student. I love that the problems increase with difficulty, and offers word problems with each exercise. I would definitely buy this author again!

These books are a life saver! My son is homeschooled and math is his weakest subject. After going through both Books his math skills have improved dramatically! Thank u

Ok not good with explaining the problems you have to figure it out on your own but good for refreshing basic math skills

I feel smart every time I complete a page. I wanted to work math problems when I start thinking to much. This provides an outlet and also practice basic math skills.

Very nice book, helpful.

I recently got two new high school ESL students, siblings, who have previously had limited formal schooling. This resource will help exponentially (ha!) to give them the remediation they need to tackle grade level math. The accompanying videos clearly demonstrate the problem solving steps so they can review as much as needed.

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