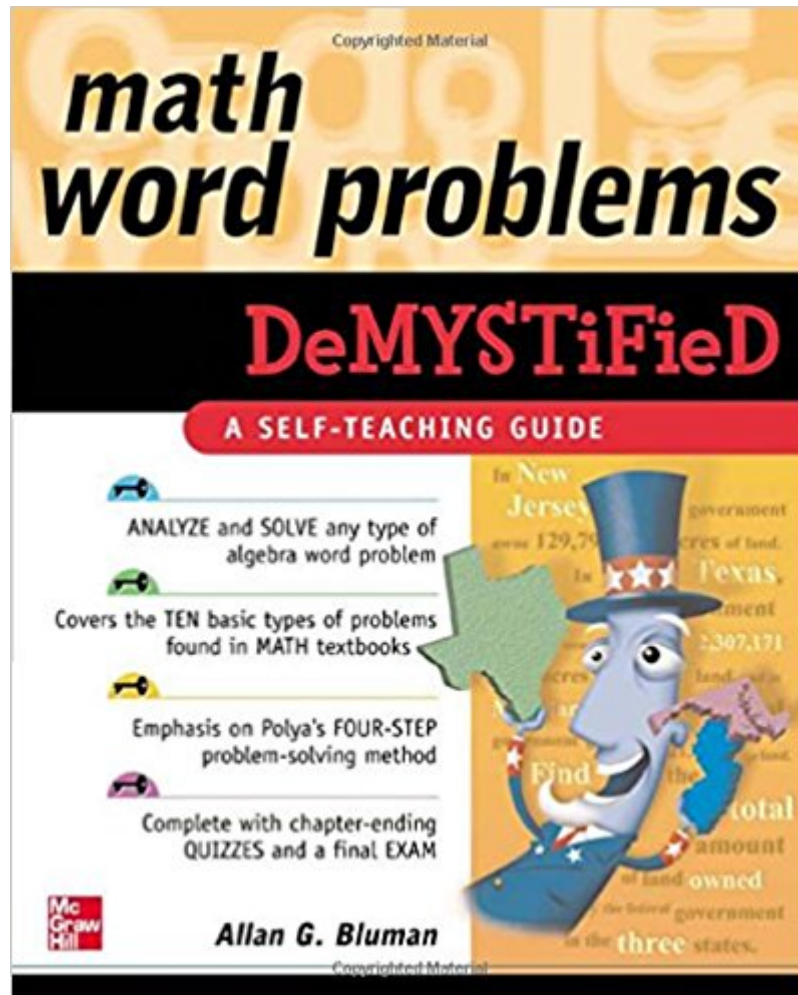


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Synopsis

Word problems are the most difficult part of any math course - and the most important to both the SATs and other standardized tests. This book teaches proven methods for analyzing and solving any type of math word problem.

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What most people can (and should) like about this book is that there are several questions clearly and fully solved. Each chapter is set up like a "lesson" with a short explanation of the type of problem, some vocabulary, and then a handful of annotated solutions to problems. Lastly, each chapter finishes off with 5 - 10 problems for you to try, and then gives their full solutions immediately thereafter. I love the format of the book. Having written "textbooks" by hand for use with my own students, I know that they appreciate having the answers IMMEDIATELY AFTER the questions. This way, each chapter is truly self-contained, the way it should be! ;) What I'm less fond of is the way the concepts are actually explained. Some "lessons" are better than others, but in general they are a little too superficial for my liking. You're probably not going to understand the *why* of what you're doing with this book, but if you just skim over the instructions and follow the solutions, step-by-step, you will almost certainly get the *how* -- which is what most people want anyway, I suppose! I use these books to train my staff of tutors. How I will likely use this book is to show them the description as written, and then we'll discuss all the questions that students will probably ask

because the description doesn't quite illuminate the concepts. I do feel compelled to give this book a 5, (even though I personally am lukewarm when it comes to the prose) because I really do feel most people will be able to learn *how* to do these common types of word problems simply by following the examples in this book. This book would be great for students prepping for the SAT who feel intimidated by the mathematics word problems.

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