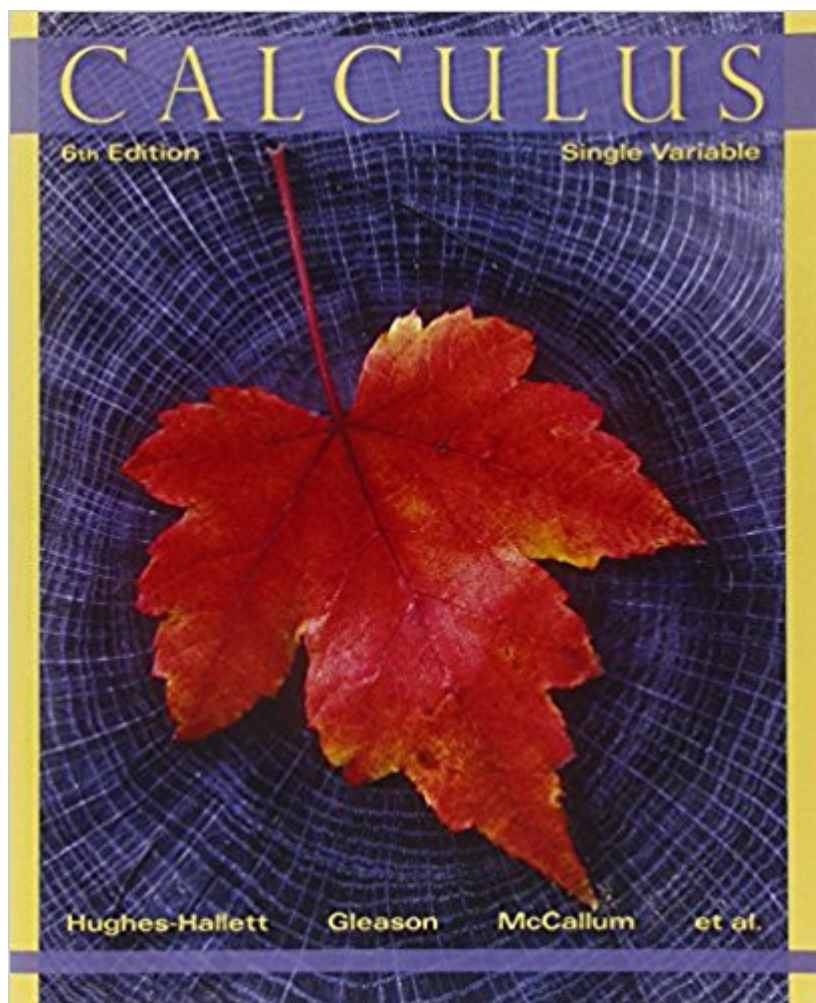


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Even the professor I'm taking this course with, "hates" this textbook. This is the second book I've had to use by the same authors and publishers and this one is just as poorly written as my pre calculus book was. It is confusing and omits key concepts and methods that the Professor, thankfully can fill in; those methods are important to completing the problems in the book. Thank goodness the Professors for both of my courses were/are clear, concise and coherent, or I would not have received an "A" in pre calculus and I am still worried that my 4.0 GPA will be jeopardized by my current Calculus I class because of this confusing book. I still have to take Calculus II and may wait to take it at a different college if the Professor teaching the course uses the book by these authors.

It's a calculus book and to be honest I'm not that great with calculus but this book didn't exactly alleviate the issues that I was having and reading the book and the examples only made me more confused. Due to my lack of math skills I ended up dropping calculus and this book(which is now a waste of money) is just even less useful.

Just finished my semester and honestly, this book wasn't nearly as bad as some of the other reviews mentioned. It maybe that my professor THAT good but this book was fairly helpful. I used the eBook and it was my first time as I am usually anti-eBook but I had a few large texts this semester and decided to try to use my iPad and MacBook. It was a great experience.

The book is okay but I think this book is not the best for those who aren't doing very good in Mathematics because this book is lack of explanation and examples for those who have difficulty in approaching new topics in Mathematics especially Calculus since many people agree that Calculus is a very heavy subject.

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