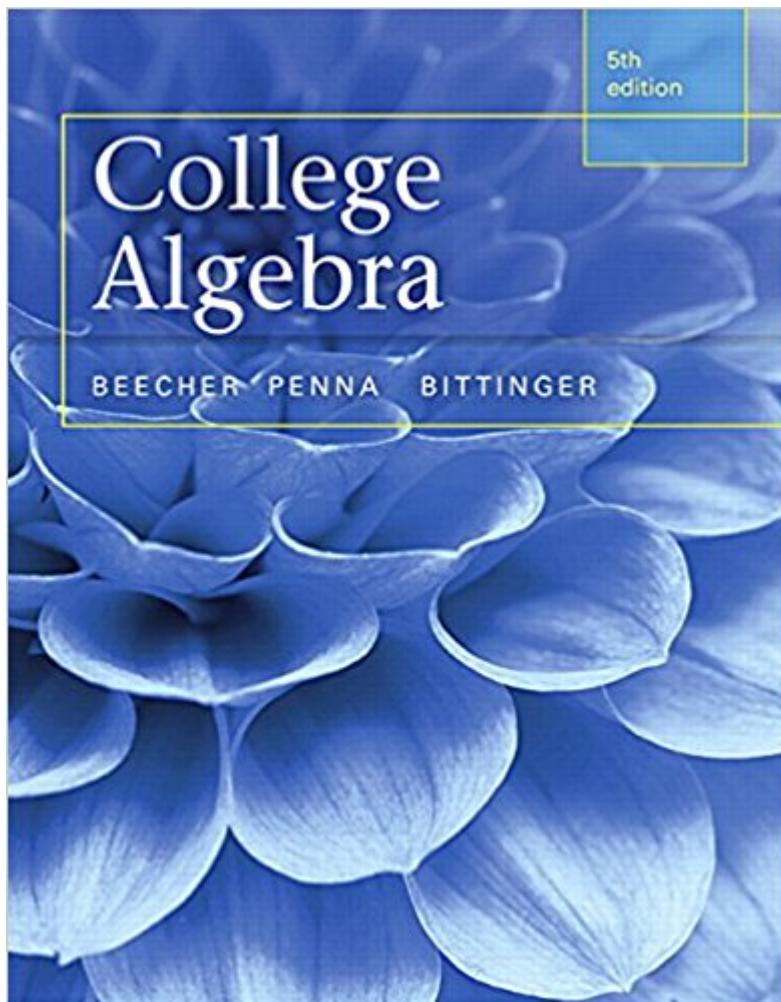


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This textbook was exactly what I needed for college. My college is online so normally I get my books electronically, but for math I preferred a physical copy. It worked great but now that it's an outdated edition and nobody is using it anymore, I can't sell it. Oh well, at least it got the job done.

well it is a text book. I needed this for a class so I had to buy it but, the price was good and I did well in the class.

Although this book doesn't go into as much detail in all areas of the subject as do some more advanced texts, I found it to be a nice reference book for simply refreshing my memory concerning certain basic concepts, or for looking up a formula or theorem that I need for some odd occasion. It has just enough coverage to be useful for someone who isn't a math wiz, and it won't bog you down with more information than you'll probably ever need. If you want a useful, all purpose book for general knowledge and recollection, I would definitely recommend this text.

Although it depends on the instructor's teaching, I thought it was a great book! I had a good experience with it and would recommend it! With its help of examples and concise explanations, I earned an A in the class (and I did it the summer before I turned a senior in high school. It was totally worth it).

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