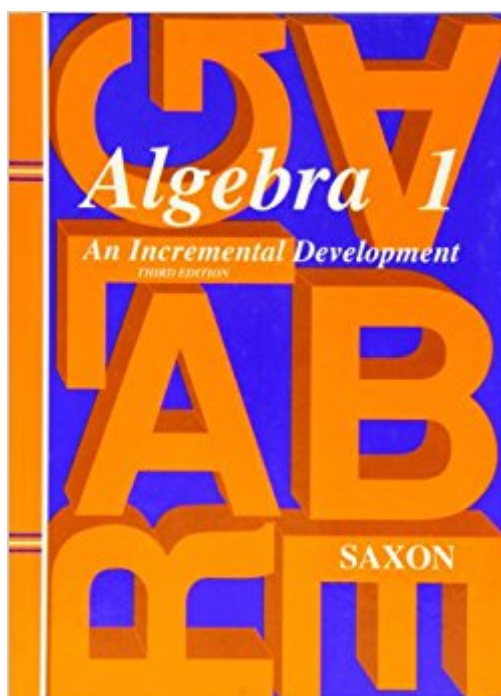




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Classic of the spiral approach to mathematics, my daughter seems to be making good progress with this series and we are using the series as her main math textbook. The spiral approach is where you introduce a new concept or two and include problems that review older concepts. It has sufficient examples and problem sets. We are now supplementing with the Art of Problem Solving series which a friend of ours who was a mathematics major strongly recommended. Art of Problem solving for a math competition oriented approach and Saxon for the more normal approach.

A bit of writing in it but otherwise a good copy. Homeschool parents have loved Saxon Math for years as it builds, slowly but steadily, math skills. Those who push their way through a Saxon book usually come out with an improved ability in math. I've used their books in the classroom before in both private and public schools so I have a lot of experience with these books. They are great for

the majority of kids but those who have issues with reading (especially those who are not native English speakers and are still struggling with English) will not find these books to be a good fit. They do have a lot of built in review, which is the reason people love them, but some parents find it to be too much (though skipping some of the problems is an option).

I homeschool my two children. I used Saxon at the beginning then was tempted to switch to two other math curriculums: Singapore math and Art of Problem solving. At the end, I have to agree that Saxon Math is the best choice for my children. They are able to teach themselves math by using Saxon Math. There is no short cut to learn math, unless you are math genius. As much as I hate repeating practice, it is an unavoidable learning process for some people to reach the point of "I get it!". My children are among those people. Even for Singapore Math, you still need to use total of 5 books (lots of repetitions) to retain the learning of new math concepts. When I used Singapore Math to teach my younger one, I only bought textbook and workbook. I found out that when we came back to the same concept after a period of time (the method Singapore Math uses), I had to teach the same thing all over again. For Art of Problem Solving, I guess one needs to have math talent to use it as main curriculum. The math concepts are not introduced systematically. After finishing Art of Problem Solving Prealgebra and proceeding to chapter 9 in Algebra, we tested my daughter's concept and she was simply lost. We asked her to redo it but she was so confused. At the end, she begged me to use Saxon instead. Now both my children use Saxon Math (3rd edition) and we are all happy. Math is math. The concepts never change. The change is in the test. I want my children to have a solid foundation, not to dance around the changing math standards.

I have been using Saxon math products for my children for years and absolutely love this for Algebra 1. The lessons are explained in a way that my oldest gets it without any problems. We also use the Teaching CD's to assist in explanations. You will be very pleasantly pleased with the results of using this Algebra 1 Textbook.

I bought this book because I have been hired to tutor a group of homeschooled kids. Each exercise set is comprehensive. The kids were turned down by a number of teachers who said it was too hard to teach from. I was intrigued enough to purchase the book and start tutoring. The exercise material is very good. But back it up with some cheat sheets when an exercise refers to a previous lesson, the exercise is indexed and helps the student go back and review the material.

I used this book to tutor my son the summer after he struggled through Algebra in school. It really helped him to solidify his knowledge, and to understand concepts that had gone right over his head. Saxon is a great learning method.

Very good (not outstanding) but very good math text. Superior feature from most is that every section's problem set has review problems from previous. Great feature that basically makes each homework assignment a "quiz review". Wish all math texts did this.

I enjoy the Saxon series because they don't have extraneous photos and sections that distract. There is a lesson and then practice, followed by mixed practice which is an assortment of types of problems. IF you have trouble with one, the lesson where it was taught is given in small parentheses so you can review. This is a great series to learn math.

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