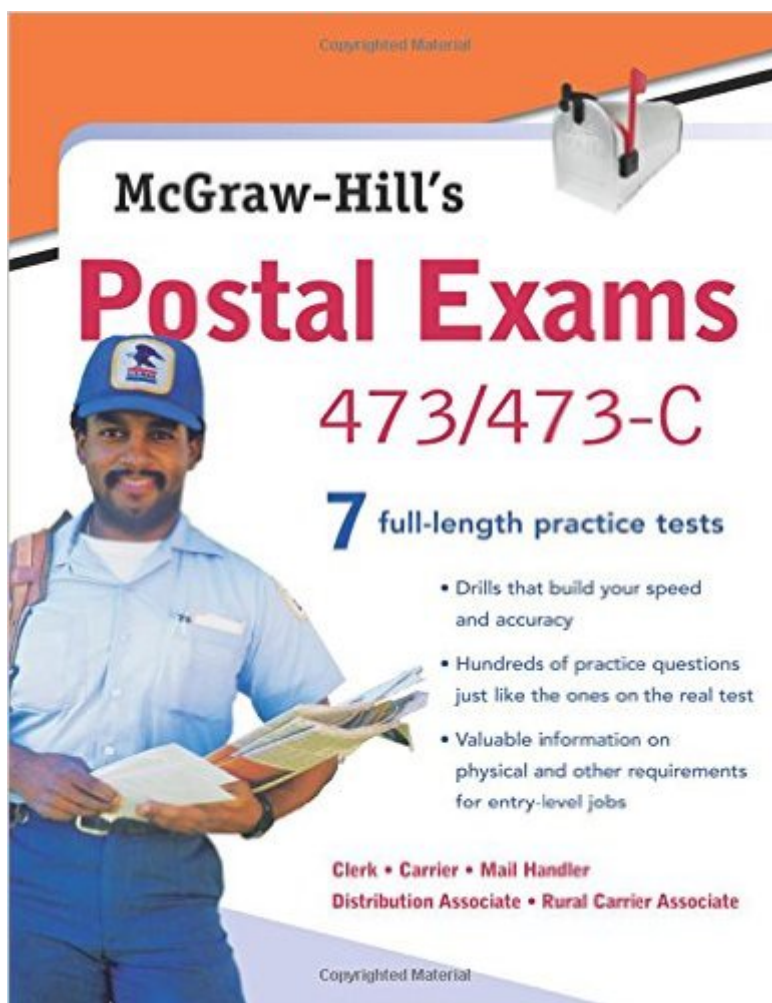


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## Customer Reviews

I found Mark Alan Stewart's McGraw-Hill's Postal Exams 473/473C book a first-rate guide to preparing for the U.S. Postal Service's Exam 473. Stewart's book familiarizes you with the exam format and content, contains effective strategies for approaching each part of the exam and provides drills that build confidence and that also give you a sense of how to pace yourself. The book also provides seven practice exams that help you identify your weaknesses and strengths. Combined with what the Postal Service itself provides, reading Stewart's book and doing the drills and practice exams is well worth the money - and quite sufficient to prepare you to do well on the exam. I have one quibble, however. On the important memory section of the exam (Part C, Section 2), Stewart advises us to ignore things like Ave., Ct., etc. and to write down only the street names. That's useful but omits that sometimes you also have to remember what kind of street it is when coding addresses for delivery routes, not just the street's name. Remembering the street name is most important but sometimes the testers - and even Stewart's practice tests - will provide the same

street name but a different kind of street (e.g., Ave., Blvd., Lp., etc) - and to code it correctly you have to remember the kind of street it is as well as the street's name. Other than that quibble this book is right on target.

This item was literally meant to train you in how to take the actual test, instead of simply providing you with strategies and letting you loose on some practice exams. Each section was broken into several build-up practices to train your brain into thinking a certain way in order to make the actual tests easier to understand and respond to. I only wish there were more build-up practice exercises, really, as you can definitely see results in the way you approach each section after working the exercises. The book also includes brief overviews of strategies for each section and detailed descriptions of your instructions for each portion of the tests and whether or not a section is scored, as well as notes as to which sections of the test are safe to 'guess' on, and which will penalize you for wrong answers. Overall, an excellent guide, and I would recommend it in an instant.

I was disappointed to find out that many of the tips of this book were not usable, since the U.S. Postal Service now uses complete computer testing - and you are not allowed anything in the room where the testing is - no pencils, paper, nothing. Just the computer. So a lot of the helpful hints about writing yourself hints for the memory portion were useless. I guess it would be a good idea before buying a book for a time-sensitive test like this is to see when it was published.

I purchased this for the 473 exam and the data in the book is out of date for the current exam and I suggest not purchasing it. In the exam prep guide it suggests writing in the testing booklet that you are given when taking the test but the current test is 100% computerized and you are not allowed to have scratch paper or any pens or pencils in the testing area. This threw me off as I had practiced the way the book had me practice and scored in the mid 80's on the test and now have to wait to retake the test. If you want practice tests you can find these online for free and I suggest doing so. This would have been a great study guide if the test was administered the way the author wrote about in the book.

Very helpful.....Passed the postal exam on the first try.

The book was helpful but the drills and practices were difficult time wise as you had to go further back in the book to mark your answers. I do feel I benefited from the suggestions on how to answer

the questions.

This helped alot. I passed my exam using this book to study. Even though everything is computerized the concepts and test are the same.

This is an excellent study guide with key information to look for on the exam. I have not taken the exam yet but I am confident that I will score better as a result of reading this book and going through the exercises. I would recommend it.

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