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Why doesn't it include Prep Test 60? Because of the combination of royalty payments AND licensing fees, I would have to raise the price of the book by *more* than you could buy LSAT 60 from on your own. Plus, some of you already have it, in which case ALL of the price increase would be you double-paying for nothing. It's better for you this way.

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What This Book is, and How to Use It

What this book *isn't* is an A-Z how-to book on the LSAT. You *will* get a bunch of how-to general LSAT tips scattered through this book, but they're in the context of addressing the specific questions of Prep Test 60. This book assumes (excuse the personification) that you already have some knowledge of the LSAT. So, for instance, when you get to the part that covers the logic games, there's not preparatory "Hey, here's how you diagram and attack a logic game" section; it just dives into the four games that appear in Prep Test 60 and assumes that you're somewhat up to speed.

What it *is* is a breakdown of every question on Prep Test 60, and every answer choice. It's written in an over-my-shoulder approach that puts you in the mind of a knowledgeable LSAT taker. Each question comes with a "Forethoughts" section that describes the thought process that occurs after reading a question (or a Reading Comp passage, or a Logic Game) – what to look for, what to watch out for, etc. Then there's an answer-choice-by-answer-choice breakdown of every question, followed by an "Afterthoughts" section where the most instructive takeaway points are elaborated upon.

The best way (if not the only way) to make good use of this book is to take Prep Test 60. You don't have to simulate full-blown test conditions, but it would be a good idea to put yourself on a timer and do at least one full section at a time. As you take the test, mark the questions that you thought were hard – maybe there were some where you eliminated 2 or 3 answers, but guessed between the remaining 2 or 3. You want to note which questions those are, because if you don't, and you get one of them right, you won't worry about it (and you should). Then check out the questions you missed, the ones that were hard, the games you had trouble setting up or that took you too long...review the writings in here about those questions and games, particularly the answer you chose and the credited answer. See why the right answer is right, or what it is about your answer that could have led you to eliminate it.

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