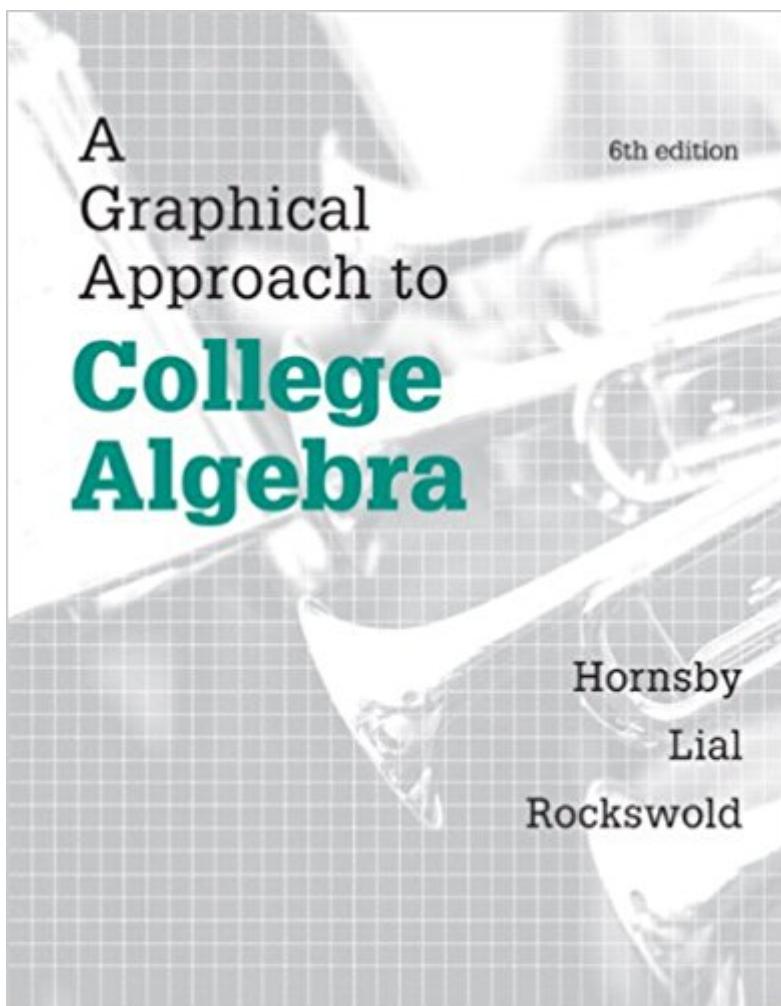


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John Hornsby: When John Hornsby enrolled as an undergraduate at Louisiana State University, he was uncertain whether he wanted to study mathematics, education, or journalism. His ultimate decision was to become a teacher, but after twenty-five years of teaching at the high school and university levels and fifteen years of writing mathematics textbooks, all three of his goals have been realized; his love for teaching and for mathematics is evident in his passion for working with students and fellow teachers as well. His specific professional interests are recreational

mathematics, mathematics history, and incorporating graphing calculators into the curriculum. John's personal life is busy as he devotes time to his family (wife Gwen, and sons Chris, Jack, and Josh). He has been a rabid baseball fan all of his life. John's other hobbies include numismatics (the study of coins) and record collecting. He loves the music of the 1960s and has an extensive collection of the recorded works of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Marge Lial (late) was always interested in math; it was her favorite subject in the first grade! Marge's intense desire to educate both her students and herself inspired the writing of numerous best-selling textbooks. Marge, who received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from California State University at Sacramento, was most recently affiliated with American River College. An avid reader and traveler, her travel experiences often found their way into her books as applications, exercise sets, and feature sets. She was particularly interested in archeology, and trips to various digs and ruin sites produced fascinating problems for her textbooks, involving such topics as the building of Mayan pyramids and the acoustics of ancient ball courts in the Yucatan. Gary Rockswold has been teaching mathematics for 33 years at all levels from seventh grade to graduate school, including junior high and high school students, talented youth, vocational, undergraduate, and graduate students, and adult education classes. Now retired, he most recently served as professor of mathematics at Minnesota State University-Mankato. He graduated with majors in mathematics and physics from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Iowa State University. He has an interdisciplinary background and has also taught physical science, astronomy, and computer science. Outside of mathematics, he enjoys spending time with his lovely wife and two children.

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I've been using this book for my Precalculus class, and recently found out the second half of the book is used for my schools Trigonometry class. As far as it's quality of instruction, the book does a decent job. I've found that no matter how good a text book is, there are just certain parts of mathematics, particularly Algebra, which are hard to learn with out the aid of an instructor. This book, is useful in the sense, that this problem is kept to a minimum. One of the biggest complaints I do have with the book is it's reliance of putting proofs in, and not labeling them as the simply proofs for the concepts you spend your time working with. There have been more than a few times where I mistook a proof to be an equation I needed to learn and memorize. The charts, and graphs are pretty clear and helpful, and even though there are a few missing problems in the answers section in the back of the book, it's overall a pretty good book. My recommendation is that if your class uses

this book, make sure to pick up the solutions manual, and make sure to go to class. Doing both of these things will help make any experience you have with this book much, much better and you will learn the subject.

I bought this to brush up on my Algebra skills before taking a course in trig. It has been several years since I have studied any math. I took Algebra before graphing calculators were allowed on tests, so this was all new to me. I liked very much the way that the graphing and analytical approaches were shown in this text. Problems are very well explained with many examples. It also teaches the "Real World" side of mathematics in the many applied problems. I also purchased the solutions and graphing calculator manuals, which makes it much easier to for self-teaching. These items can be purchased used at a substantial savings. The books I received were almost like new. Definitely five stars.

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