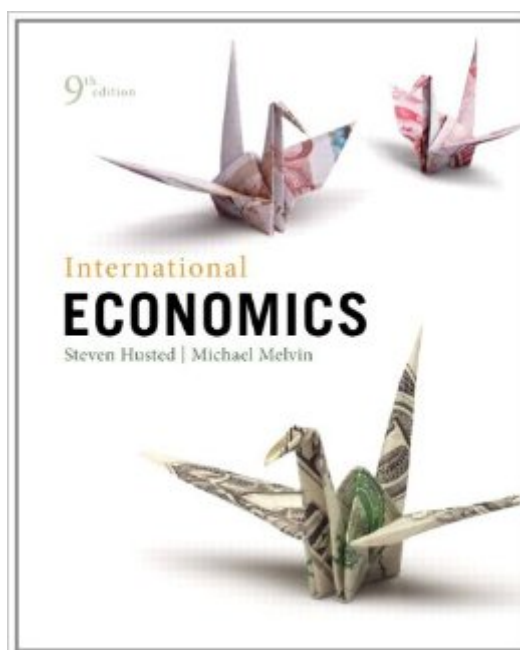


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Customer Reviews

I am a university professor who regularly teaches a course in International Economics. After having considered many textbooks (Pugel, Feenstra, Krugman etc.), I decided to adopt this book for my class. I like the book, and I feel that my students like it too. The greatest strength of this book is how "minimal" it is. It is striking how the authors manage to explain the major theoretical concepts in a concise, yet intuitive way. Indeed, most theoretical analyses in this book simply rest on the analyses of the interactions between indifference curves, price line and production possibilities curve and a few other curves. ie., the authors rely much on a "geometric" proof strategy (cf. proofs of HO theorem, Rybczynski theorem, and Stolper-Samuelson theorem in the appendix of Chapter 4). Naturally, it assumes a simplified assumption that there are two countries and two goods, while the extensions and generalizations are left in the appendices. But the insights from the analyses are lucid, precise, and very readable. The only disadvantage I can see is that it does not contain a lot of exercises for students to practice. But, apart from this point, I believe that this is a very suitable textbook for a first course in International Economics.

I had to quickly cancel the order. I saw the hardback at >\$150 and the paperback at around \$40, figured let's go for the paperback. What's not clear is that the "paperback version" is the study guide, not the book itself. Too misleading.

I have purchased and used numerous economics textbooks, and while this one covers the basic principles, it does so in a way that is difficult to understand. I felt like there was a lack of meaningful diagrams, tables, and illustrations at key points that would have reinforced key principles. Also, the text would frequently reference tables and diagrams on different pages, such that it was difficult to comprehend concepts while flipping between thick text and different pages for graphical guidance. Husted et al seem to take a very math-based approach to the subject, and spend a lot of time in the derivation process in explaining the background of formulas and principles. It's also outdated. It constantly refers to "current events" in 1990s economics, and basically has no data beyond 2003, anecdotal or otherwise. With huge economic happenings over the past few years (specifically, 2008 and beyond), this edition could be safely mothballed in academia.

Needed it for class. Everyone paid a ridiculous price for the 9th edition. The only difference I saw in my classmates 9th edition was the chapter order. Even the end of chapter questions were the same. I think 11th chapter in 9th edition was the 12 or 13th in this 8th edition.

I have recently taken Macroeconomics and Microeconomics. The subject was difficult, but able to be grasped with some study. (I am an adult student) As for the "International Economics" textbook, I feel it is very poor as an educational medium. If you ever really sit and attempt to read this thing, all you are reading are a bunch of letters. There is no sense to the material and very little attempt to clarify anything. It is confusing enough to learn a difficult subject without having to decipher every letter of the alphabet into a different word or variable. I understand brevity is necessary to avoid repetition, but please! This is to be a learning tool. There should at least be some attempt to 'spell out' the information once. I feel this book was a very bad investment on my part, and would never have been my chosen text for this topic. I wouldn't even give it one star, but that was as low as I was able to select.

This book helps you understand the key concepts and includes many table charts. By reviewing and working the end of chapter exercises that should help you do well on the tests. The information in

the book will help you understand why different countries have different GDP per capita. You will learn a lot by reviewing frequently and putting the time into this class.

Frankly, yes, it does not go out of its way to spell out certain details, but I think that it is the least confusing way to present information. I find that it complements my professor's lectures very well. I've had far worse econ texts: this one is straightforward and uses language that is easy to understand without oversimplifying or "talking down" to the reader.

I got this book for a my fall international economics class, I only wish the Prof. picked a newer version of the book. But I think this book will serve me well.

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