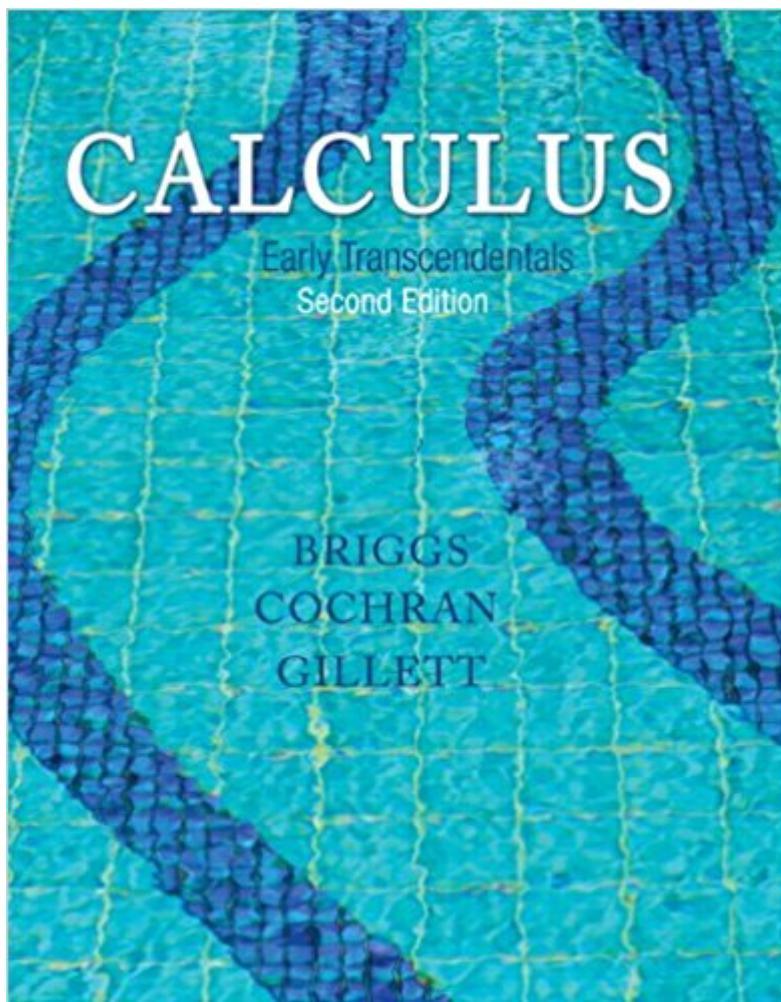


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I used this for calc 1, so for chapters 1-5. Aside from a bad teacher, this book helped but in all reality it could be reviewed by a few more professional mathematician at least before it was launched because there were some leaps in the material that caused confusion because it is early transcendentals and some answers even in the teacher's edition that the teacher wasn't sure about and he complained about this book a lot for the whole semester.

I took my class online for calc 1 and 2, chapters 1-10. For those of you looking to comprehend the material through the book primarily, i would DEFINITELY advise you to use the solutions manual. It is your best friend in calculus. Do every problem. Look at the step by step solution (i used the chegg online version by the way, im assuming the published copy of the solutions manual has step-by-step as well). If you're looking to learn on your own, don't waste your money, just use the free online resources that are almost littering the internet.

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This book provided excellent extra practice and with solutions in the back of the book I could quickly check my answers. It breaks concepts down to quickly learn outside of the class room.

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