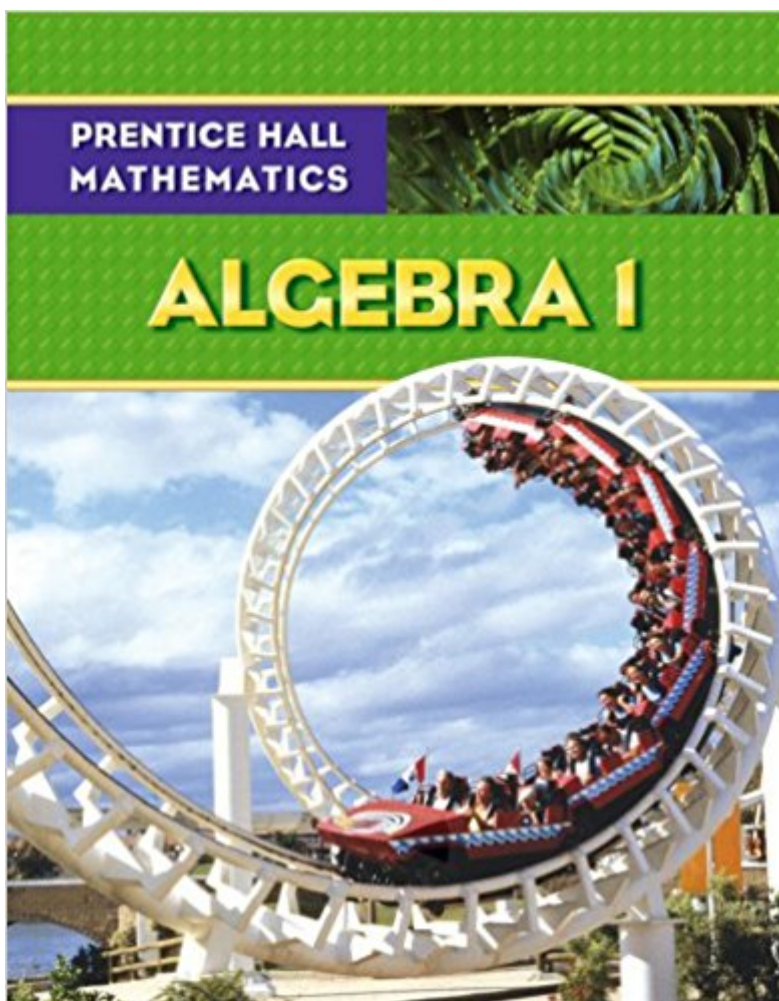


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This book has ADHD. It's a disaster from beginning to end. Whoever wrote it clearly has no idea about how to present algebra so that students actually understand it. If you're a student stuck with this book and are confused, don't feel bad. It's not your fault that your book jumps from one idea to another like a pinball bouncing off bumpers. I prefer a book like [Algebra: Structure and Method, Book 1](#) or [Modern Algebra - Structure and Method: Book One](#). These books go in order and present one idea at a time. The Prentice Hall book, on the other hand, mashes up three ideas into one section and assumes that students know stuff they can't possibly know. For example: Section 3.3: Hi kids! Today's lesson is about solving equations with variables on both sides of the equals sign. Here's an example. Look, here's a pretty picture of some people rollerblading! Solve the word problem about rollerblading. BTW, vertical angles are congruent! Solve the problem about vertical angles (consult diagram showing crossed lines. $[6x+3 \text{ degrees}]$ is above the point where they cross and $[8x-21 \text{ degrees}]$ is below it. Figure out what all this means and solve.). My daughter: "Okay, what

the HECK are vertical angles? And what does *congruent* mean? I do NOT get this."Me: I'll explain it. You don't get it because you haven't taken geometry yet.Book: Swell! Now here are two word problems about someone's salary. Do them. Next, use a graphing calculator to solve the following problems.My college-student son: "What the HECK? A graphing calculator? In Chapter 3 of Algebra 1? They haven't even learned that there *is* such thing as graphing an equation yet. What's the point of a graphing calculator?Book: Great job! Here's picture of a teddy bear! Now let's fill in some tables. Moving right along, let's go back to graphing calculators. Finally, Joey made the spreadsheet at right to solve the following equation. Did he make a mistake?In the next section, we will work with ratios and proportions. We will include pictures of cheetahs and Lance Armstrong!Seriously, I do NOT know how any student, no matter how talented, could emerge from a course based on this book with anything resembling literacy in algebra and without significant help from a parent and/or a tutor. As in, doing a completely different course with said parent or tutor.Please, don't be cruel and don't force this book on innocent students.

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