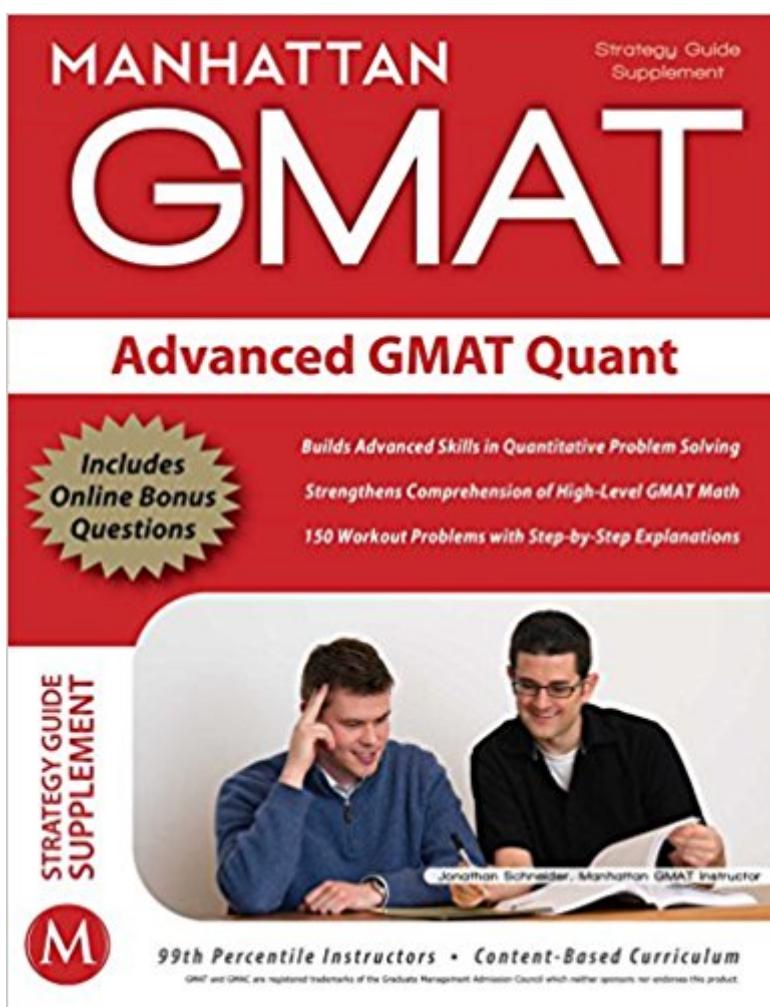


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## Synopsis

Designed for students seeking 650+ scores, this guide offers essential techniques for approaching the GMAT's most difficult quantitative questions, as well as extensive practice with challenging problems. You've worked through basic guides and you've taken the practice tests—now take your GMAT score to the next level. Build your higher-level quantitative skills with Manhattan GMAT's Advanced Quant supplement, specially designed for students seeking 650+ scores. This guide combines intense practice with techniques for problem solving and data sufficiency questions, ranging from broad principles to tactics for narrowing down possible answers. Purchase of this book includes one year of online access to the Advanced Quant Homework Bank of extra practice questions and detailed explanations not included in the book, as well as to the Advanced Quant Bonus Drill Set.

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I purchased this book two weeks before my exam and subsequently scored a 750 (50Q/41V). I used the Kaplan Premiere and Kaplan 800 books for the initial portion of my study, as well as the GMAT Verbal and GMAT Quant Review books. While these books helped me get used to the format of the exam and even prepared me for difficult verbal questions, I found them to be too easy in the math sections. Even the Kaplan 800 was a breeze -- I could complete the entire book without missing a single quant question. The Manhattan GMAT Quant review, on the other hand, was a great challenge. The problems were thought provoking and significantly different from anything I had seen in my other books. If I had not completed this book before the exam, I would have been stumped on many of the more difficult quant questions and unable to solve them in under 2 mins. This book is an absolute MUST for anyone aiming for the 750-800 range.

I've tried Kaplan, Barron, and many other GMAT prep books, but this one is so far the best one for at least the quantitative section. The book does contain a lot more challenging questions than other publishers, but they are essential questions to get you to the next level, not just some randomly hard questions to trick you and test your brain capacity. You will definitely feel more comfortable about the quant part once you understand and can figure out how to answer questions like those in this book. Its questions and explanations cognitively teaches you to think for yourself.

I was scoring consistently around a 45 on the Quant section, but after a couple of months, I felt like I was hitting a wall and couldn't boost my score any further. Having finished all the regular Quant strategy guides' practice problems, I wasn't sure where else I could turn for additional solid help. Then I found out about the MGMAT Advanced Quant strategy guide. This book's drill sections and concept reviews really hit the spot (though I only got through 3 of the 15 before my GMAT) and

helped me improve my score by an extra 4 points on the real GMAT. I completely recommend this book for anyone who's doing relatively well on Quant, but wants that extra leg up to tip the scales.

If you are in 42-46 range in quants and wanted to crack above 48 , then this book is for you. Nice insights into strategies on how to approach a problem. The question set is the best . They have provided 150 hard and tricky question to train you. These questions can be solved in regular way which is going to take more time. But eventually its you who have to assimilate and apply those strategies to increase your speed in solving problems.If you haven't read manhattan gmat series, then you might find it little difficult to correlate at times.Overall truly a great book.I would have loved it if Manhattan had provided these 150 questions online , so that you can track your time. sigh!!

The detailed reviews below go into way more detail than I would like to, but they are very accurate in the their assessments of the pros and cons of using this guide. I went from regularly scoring 46-48 on the Manhattan GMAT CAT exams to a 50 on test day, and can honestly attribute that improvement to my time spent with this guide. This book does a good job of allowing you to figure out some of the tricks the GMAT uses to separate the 75th percentile test takers from those in the 90th percentile. If you're already using a test prep program, what's another \$15 if it can push you over the top?

I'll preface this by saying that unlike some of the reviewers, I'm not a GMAT expert. I spent about 3 months studying for the GMAT, all through independent study. I would describe myself as having been a very good math student in high school and early college, but I'm not a real "math person," and quant doesn't come naturally to me.I started studying with the basic Kaplan book, the Official Guide quant book, and some online resources (Platinum GMAT, etc.) After about 2 and a half months of studying, I was doing okay, but quant still scared me. I saw quant problems in three categories: Problems I knew how to do, problems I almost knew how to do, and problems that were terrifying. Being relatively math-literate, I found that most problems fell into the first two categories, but I was still getting tripped up on that third category.Like one reviewer said, yes, this book is way harder than the actual GMAT, and if you're only concerned about learning to solve consistently the 95% of questions that aren't terrifying, this book is not for you. What I will say is that two weeks using this book took me from feeling scared about the GMAT to feeling like I could probably handle anything it threw at me, because I had already looked into the depths of the worst problems, and I had learned how to solve them.Using mostly this book, I went from approximately a 61st - 68th

percentile in quant (Kaplan practice tests) to a 78th percentile (48) on the real thing. I probably could have scored better if I'd paced myself differently--amazingly, after failing to finish the last question on every practice test, I ended up having 8 minutes to spare on test day! While it wasn't a perfect quant score, it was enough to get me to a 770 overall (yes, I'm a verbal person). I don't know how much of my final score I can credit to this book, but I can definitely credit a good chunk of my test day confidence to it, and that mattered a lot to me. I recommend this book to anyone who's worrying about THOSE problems and wants to know how anyone actually solves them.

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