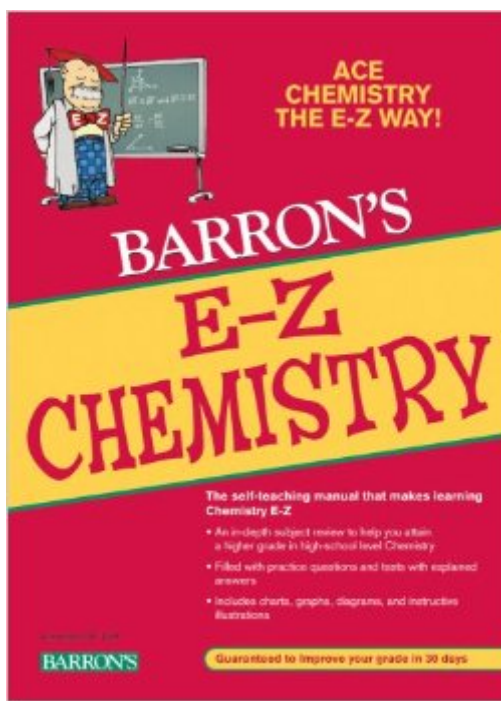


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# E-Z Chemistry (Barron's E-Z Series)



## Synopsis

Known for many years as Barron's Easy Way Series, the new editions of these popular self-teaching titles are now Barron's E-Z Series. Brand-new cover designs reflect all new page layouts, which feature extensive two-color treatment, a fresh, modern typeface, and more graphic material than ever-- charts, graphs, diagrams, instructive line illustrations, and where appropriate, amusing cartoons. Meanwhile, the quality of the books' contents remains at least as high as ever. Barron's E-Z books are self-help manuals focused to improve students' grades in a wide variety of academic and practical subjects. For most subjects, the level of difficulty ranges between high school and college-101 standards. Although primarily designed as self-teaching manuals, these books are also preferred by many teachers as classroom supplements--and for some courses, as main textbooks. E-Z books review their subjects in detail, and feature both short quizzes and longer tests with answers to help students gauge their learning progress. Subject heads and key phrases are set in a second color as an easy reference aid. Barron's E-Z Chemistry covers all important chemistry topics, from atomic structure and chemical formulas to electrochemistry and the basics of organic chemistry. Three full-length tests are included with answers fully explained, two of them modeled after the SAT Subject Area Chemistry Test. A method of diagnosing students' strengths and weaknesses by topic area is included with each test.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is a very basic, no-frills review of high school chemistry that boils down the most

important topics into brief chapters. I bought it to study for the PRAXIS II Chemistry content exam; I dislike the "Dummies" and "Idiot Guide" series' corny puns and comics, so I bought this one instead. The three practice exams were somewhat helpful for finding gaps in my knowledge. Unfortunately, I found several errors that might confuse a student trying to learn chemistry the first time around (i.e. missing multiple choice answers, incorrect calculations, unhelpful explanations for answers, etc.). The electrochemistry chapter is especially bad -- I don't think I ever fully understood the subject and this book made it more confusing.

I bought this book as a college student after doing horribly in my advanced chem course. It was obvious I needed a refresher and to study at my own pace to understand key concepts before retaking the class. This book has cleared up many fundamental things about chemistry I breezed through in college and never fully understood as I should have. Unlike math where you can more or less plug numbers into equations and get the right answers (to a degree), chemistry requires you to understand WHY something happens by knowing WHAT makes up a) and b) in order to produce c). This book clarified that for me. I would recommend it to supplement a course (or cement concepts you previously learned), not as a teaching from scratch book. You should have at least a rudimentary understanding of the periodic table as the 1st chapter expects you to know between air, tin, water, and silver, which of those are pure elements (only silver and tin; air and water are mixtures) and what the meniscus line is, which every student who has taken high school Chemistry 101 should know, but I found it odd the book didn't define it when referencing it. Bottom line is this: if you have NEVER taken a chem course in your life, choose another book. If you have, but remember virtually nothing, this book will fix it all. It walks you through fundamentals, which are normally glazed over too quickly in classes, to help you fully understand chemistry. There are 16 Chapters with numerous examples along the way, and each one has a practice test with anywhere from 15-40 questions. The end of the book has 3 Cumulative Practice Tests. Every Chapter Test and Cumulative Test includes answers and explanations. It is 514 pages long with a glossary, tables and references section, and an index. Each chapter takes approx. 5-6 hours to finish if studying slowly, not including the chapter test; will take longer if taking notes.

I've looked at Chemistry book after Chemistry book to help my 11 & 13 yr olds with their chem classes. Barrons gives excellent, easy to understand explanations. Each chapter details what it will go over. Important information (that my kids continue to see on tests) is highlighted in the margins. There is a "self-test" at the end of each chapter so you can make sure you KNOW what you're

talking about. My kids are now getting better grades in their extremely difficult chemistry classes at their charter school. I've found that no one chem book seems to give all the answers, or at least in terms the lay-person every person can understand. I think this is an excellent addition to any beginner Chemistry library. I don't know if it's the right book to review for you AP exams, but neither I nor my kids are at AP level yet.

I discovered Barron's E-Z books when I was taking A&P and had great success. I decided to give E-Z Chemistry a try and am glad I did! This book explains chemistry, the nature of matter, using atoms and molecules, the states and phases of matter, chemical reactions, representative groups and families, organic and nuclear chemistry, and testing your achievement in chemistry. I recommend this book to anyone taking Chemistry!

Would not recommend you buy this one in fact stay far away from it. Book does not go into great detail in regards to the subject matters of chemistry. If you want to learn how to balance equations please please don't buy this book! The only thing good I can say about this book is that the review questions are helpful. I would recommend the Homework Helpers Series : Chemistry or Chemistry a Self Teaching Guide

Bought it for the grandkids as their Chemistry teacher seems unable to communicate with them and I live 200 miles away. I was hoping they would find the answers to their questions in the book or the explanation to why and how.

Disappointed with this book because of the change in bolds. They use black instead of red. I find that the red in text bolds makes it easier to skim and find things compared to the black. Otherwise it's a good resource and easy to read.

Even though I haven't read the whole book I think it's great. It has lots of very useful information as well as very good images. Big time recommended. If you need it go ahead and buy it you'll love it, good luck

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