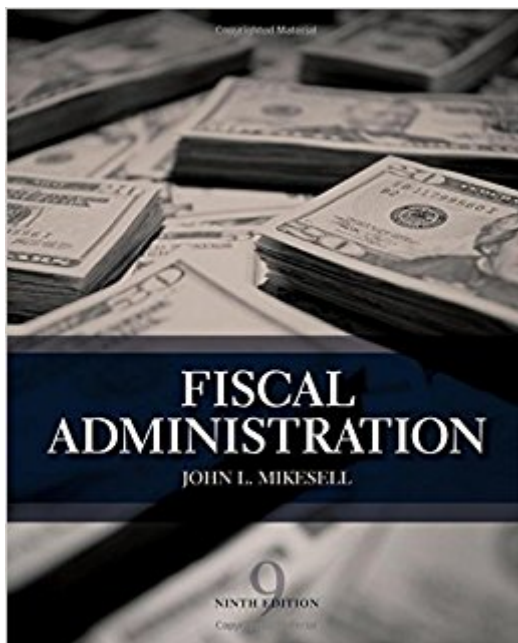


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"The best textbook in the market for graduate courses in public budgeting/financial management." "The best textbook of which I know that treats public budgeting and financial administration so comprehensively."

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One of the worst textbooks I've ever had assigned to me. While the information within was useful and very relevant, the author needs to understand that the footnotes are meant for citing sources, not for writing entire paragraphs in. Furthermore, the organization of the text leaves much to be desired, I often had greater success just flipping to the index to look up the topic I was studying instead of turning to the chapter/location where (I thought) the subject logically should fall. The examples were not at all clear either, and I relied primarily on my professor's lesson notes to clarify how to actually complete calculations-based assignments. I would not recommend this textbook to others unless you absolutely need it for a class, as I did.

This is the epitome of public accounting for non-accounting majors. The author laboriously rants for giant page-long paragraphs in an effort to avoid even the slightest hint of mathematics. If judicious, I believe I could distill this book down to about 75 pages of bulleted lists, charts, graphs and equations without sacrificing any real content.

This was a required book for my master's program, and I opted for the Kindle version to save \$\$\$. There was a wide range of information; however, I found Mikesell inserted his opinions throughout the book. I was also surprised that this edition didn't have more updated information regarding the current administration. For example, Mikesell doesn't include the current administration's performance-based budgeting strategies. Interestingly, Mikesell doesn't include much about performance-based budgeting of Bush's predecessor either, and there were significant changes during the Clinton administration prior to Bush's PART ever being implemented. So, overall good information but I found the implementation lacking.

Parenthetical comments should be kept to a minimum in any book. Mikesell's book is practically written entirely in parentheses. It's distracting and makes for long, confusing, disjointed sentences. The cost of this book is exorbitant! To echo another rater: I don't understand why this book is in its 9th edition. If it wasn't for my Masters program, I would not go near this book.

This book is completely indecipherable and a waste of time. I had to purchase it for a public budgeting course and it was extremely expensive and not helpful with my studies at all. If you have to buy this book for a course I recommend renting it for cheaper if possible, or changing classes.

This book is a necessary read for my public financial management masters program - however, this book should NOT be offered as a Kindle or digital option as the pages do not format correctly. Any attempt to make the font bigger causes the page to reset and leave big gaping blank sections. Horrible - it's unusable for my class, for the most part. As for the book itself - it's about public financial management - you probably won't be reading this for pleasure.

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