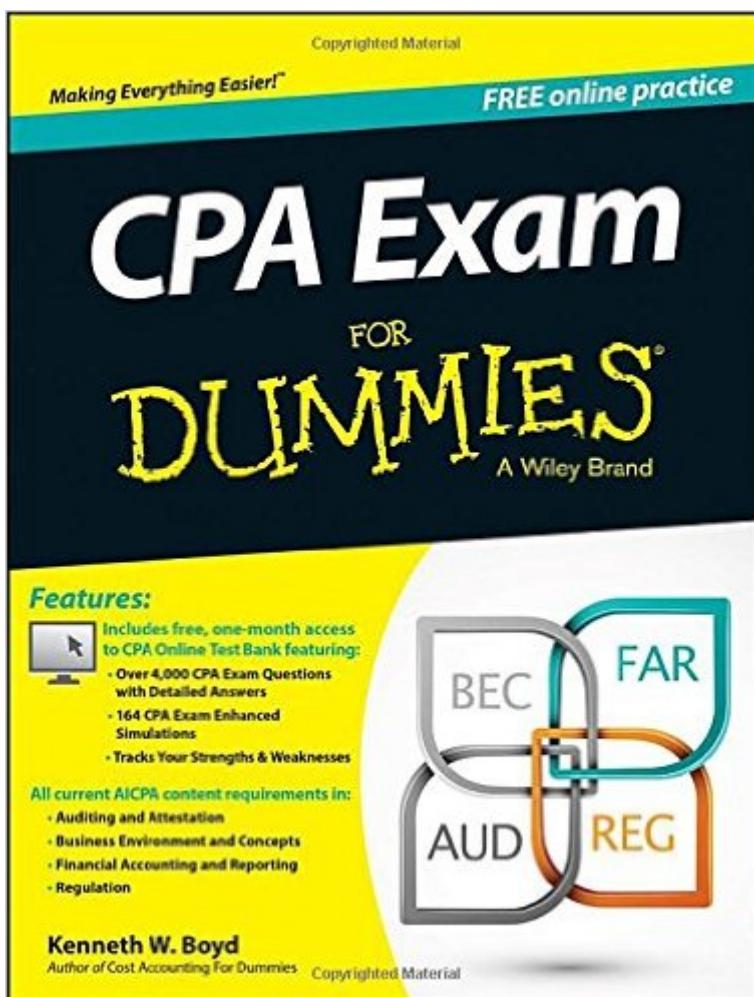


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The Wiley *For Dummies* books usually have a brief *Foolish Assumptions* section in the preface. One of the assumptions is that you're serious about studying for the CPA exam, however, I do think this book would also be quite appropriate for those who aren't quite sure they even want to enter into the field of accounting. A

*For Dummies* book is the perfect place to explore any field. For example, if you are in high school, what better way to find out a potential career path than checking out this type of book? If you are truly serious about studying for the exam rather than lightly exploring the topic, I'd recommend considering the *Wiley CPAexcel Exam Review 2014 Study Guide July Set*. This is a thorough, expansive study guide to the exam. With the CPA Exam for Dummies, you do have a code that will give you one-month access to the online course. The value is debatable because if you have limited time to work with the course, it's not of much value. In this book you are introduced to the world of accounting and will learn about the basics such as responsibilities, what a CPA does, types of positions, etc. The value, for someone who is just considering the field and perhaps the exam, are the subsequent chapters which deal with concepts and questions found on the actual exam. The real value, of course, is access to the online material. Once entered into the trial, you will have access to the real meat and potatoes material, something I would have rather seen in this book (at least in part). There are 4,000 questions / answers, 164 CPA enhanced simulations, and you can track your strengths and weaknesses. Personally, I'd much rather see this in book form. Because of the limited access to the online material the quoted \$575 value is skewed, especially if you don't have time to work through the material. This is one *For Dummies* book that I'd take a pass on.

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I am preparing to start my CPA exam, and since I've been out of school for a while, I thought it would be good to start with this before I actually take my review course. I like how easily the chapters are to read and how I can jump between chapters. Also, I do like that the answer key has a small explanation as to why that is the correct answer. Overall I do like it a lot. Again, this will not be my only form of study, this is more of a warm up to get me use to focusing and studying again.

First let me say that this book, by itself, may not be enough to completely prepare you for the CPA exam (it depends on the person and their overall education). The book costs \$25 and more intensive CPA Exam prep courses can cost over \$3000. However, it does give you some basic tools you can use in your overall preparation for the test. The book has a special access code on the front page that gives you one month free of the Wiley online course. Personally, I feel that the book is a nice overview of the Exam and the online course goes into a lot more detail. If you are preparing for the CPA Exam, I would suggest reading the entire book before starting the online course. By saving the online course for last, you can spend the full month answering questions rather than spending that time also reading the book for the first time. The online course, which comes with the book, is great for self study, so you want to spend the bulk of your time in that area.

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