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I have used other books such as Element K. The problem with most of the other texts on this subject is that they give you more information than is necessary. Mike Myers gives very concise, easy to read information. If you want to pass the CompTIA tests, and more important, get good
This is a great study book and highly recommend all of Mike Meyer’s Passport books. After completing certifications for SSCP, CISSP, and Net+, and after reading a plethora of other books, these are hands down my favorite. These books are meant to be portable, so you can carry them with you. They are too the point, unlike many study books I have read that seem to waste hundreds of pages filling the book with useless information. Do I really need an explanation of what a mouse and keyboard is? Do I need to know what the power button does? CISSP books are very bad for this (Shon Harris being the worst offender). These books are bare bones data you need to know. That being said, all these books assume you have some sort of competency with a computer. If you can upgrade your RAM, connect a router, or change out a graphics card, your good with this book. It must also be noted that this book is considerably thicker than prior editions; about 3x. This makes it a bit less portable. Also the Net+ book covers a bit more in-depth on the networking side which may feel absent in this book. Over all the Comptia A+, Net+ and Sec+ are relatively simple exams and straightforward. You honestly don’t need anymore than this book.

Very impressed with this book and truly the whole passport series. They’ve helped me get at least one certification (Network+) and I think this book will help me knock out the A+. Please note, the A+ Passport is MUCH longer than the Network+ due to the amount of material that’s covered in the A+.

This book might not be for everyone, but because I had prior knowledge about computers from school it helped to clear up any misunderstandings or unknowns I had. This is a very condensed version of any A+ book available, but very easy to read and gives you exactly what you need to know to pass the A+ test. There are a lot of other books to be had if you want more specific information, but this book is all you need for that certification.

I have yet to take the test to certify, but I have confidence that this book has properly prepared me to pass it. The writing style is easy to read and even humorous at times. There is a Ton of information here, but its not too overwhelming. I like the short reviews and quizzes at the end of each chapter. The CD-Rom with the practice tests is also very helpful. This softcover book is a nice compact-ish size (about half the footprint of a full size textbook, although its still close to a thousand pages in total length.) There are quite a few black/white pictures. I bought the book because it appeared to cover the same stuff as some of the other choices but cost less. I am completely
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I already have several years of full-time tech support under my belt, but I am mostly self-taught. I want to get certified in order to improve employment prospects and pay in the future. It took me about a month of a chapter each night to make it through the book. The real test will be when I take the exam. I’ll update this review if things don’t go well!

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