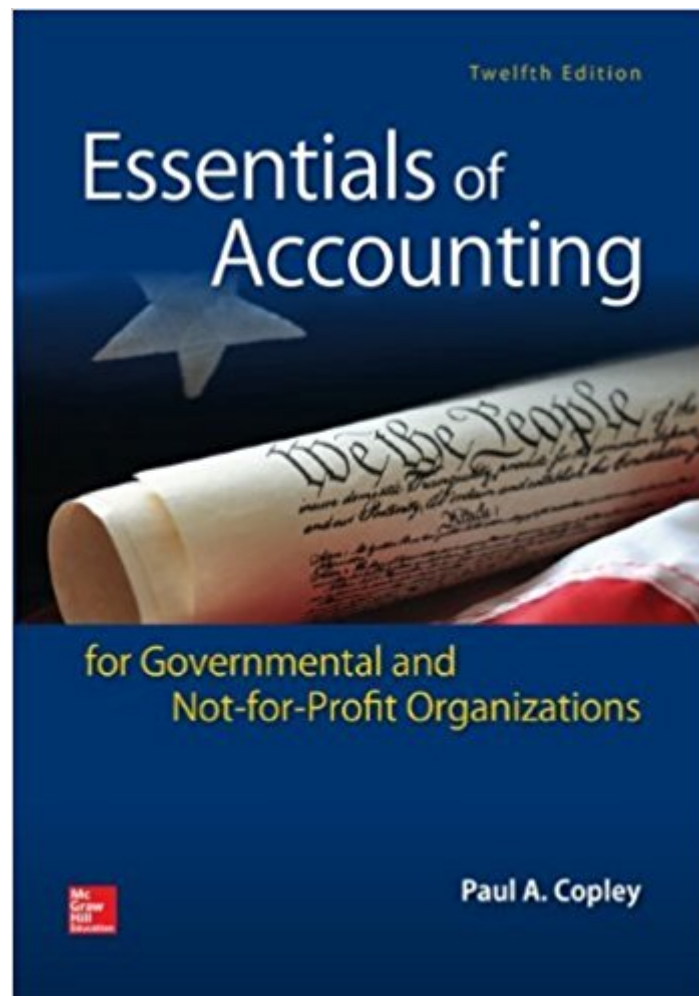




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# Essentials Of Accounting For Governmental And Not-for-Profit Organizations



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Copley's Essentials of Accounting for Governmental and Not-for-Profit Organizations, 12e is best suited for those professors whose objective is to provide more concise coverage than what is available in larger texts. The main focus of this text is on the preparation of external financial statements which is a challenge for governmental reporting. The approach in this edition is similar to that used in practice. Specifically, day to day events are recorded at the fund level using the basis of accounting for fund financial statements. Governmental activities are recorded using the modified accrual basis. The fund-basis statements are then used as input in the preparation of government-wide statements. The preparation of government-wide statements is presented in an Excel worksheet.

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The vast majority of people purchasing or renting this book are doing so because they have to for a class, so reviews won't be a huge deciding factor. However, this book was exceptional enough to warrant one. It's very compact and easy to tote around - considerably smaller than any other textbook I've had. More importantly, the material is presented in a VERY clear manner. I found many of the concepts easier to grasp from the text than from the professor. The examples are very thorough. I love that the Governmental chapters took a fictional city and followed the interconnecting journal entries and statements throughout to better illustrate how the funds tie together. I rented this book from , but I almost wish I could keep it.

Terrible book. Hard to follow. Everyone in my class is struggling to truly grasp the text. It's an online class, so the teacher is nonexistent. Luckily we have access to power points that simplify the material. This book is not written to easily teach yourself, which is what we have to do in my class. Like other accounting texts, this book will take a page to say what could be said in a few sentences.

This book should not be used as the first-time learner of governmental accounting; I feel this book is probably more like a refresher for someone who have had a governmental accounting background. With no governmental accounting before, I was assigned to this book by our teacher. OMG, I thought I was going to fail this class because I read one of the chapters three times and it wasn't making any sense at all!!! I pulled an A in the class, but I didn't rely on the book at all. The material was not difficult to understand (or I might have an easy teacher), but I don't know why the book has to make it so difficult!!! Luckily I rented the book, but I think it was still waste of money.

I bought this book for college because I had to, not because I wanted to. IT'S VERY BORING. Honestly everything you need to know case be read in the first 2 chapters. After that the book just repeats itself over and over.

Needed by my Government course toward my CPA certification. Easy to follow.

As the heading said, this book sucks..1) I thought first off that the size of the book was going to be cool, but NO! The book always closes when your trying to do the end of chapter problems. If you want to flip between the in chapter problems and look up something in the book its almost impossible. Or, if you want a page open to write a definition you have to have your hand holding the book down to make sure you can write it.2) The book is super confusing and very dry. Im so glad i have a cool teacher for this class that really explains what they are talking about. I will read the chapter and not know what I read at all the next day.3) They don't explain anything!! hope no one else gets stuck with this book for a Government Accounting class.

I was disappointed with this book. As others have said this book really doesn't present clear cut examples in every chapter. While the text isn't hard to read, concepts could be explained in greater detail. When answering questions at the end of the chapter, the reader shouldn't have to flip through to look for the answer. I don't know of any other book on governmental accouting that could be used as an alternative. Had I looked at the book closer earlier in the semester I would have dropped the

class. Unless you are an accounting major or have had other accounting classes, this book may be challenging (not in a good way). I had to rely upon supplementary reading and information from the professor to understand key concepts. Reading this book is like walking into a movie in the middle of the film and trying to understand what is going on. If you teach this class, please find another book or write one yourself.

I think the book is extremely easy to read and provides easy examples. The student who has a basic understanding of financial accounting and some intermediate accounting should be able to follow this book. I also like the supplemental materials and the online companion website that provides a sample quiz and more in depth problems to work with. I can see the book being dry because of the way it's written but I didn't find it difficult to understand. The items I couldn't understand my instructor was able to explain.

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