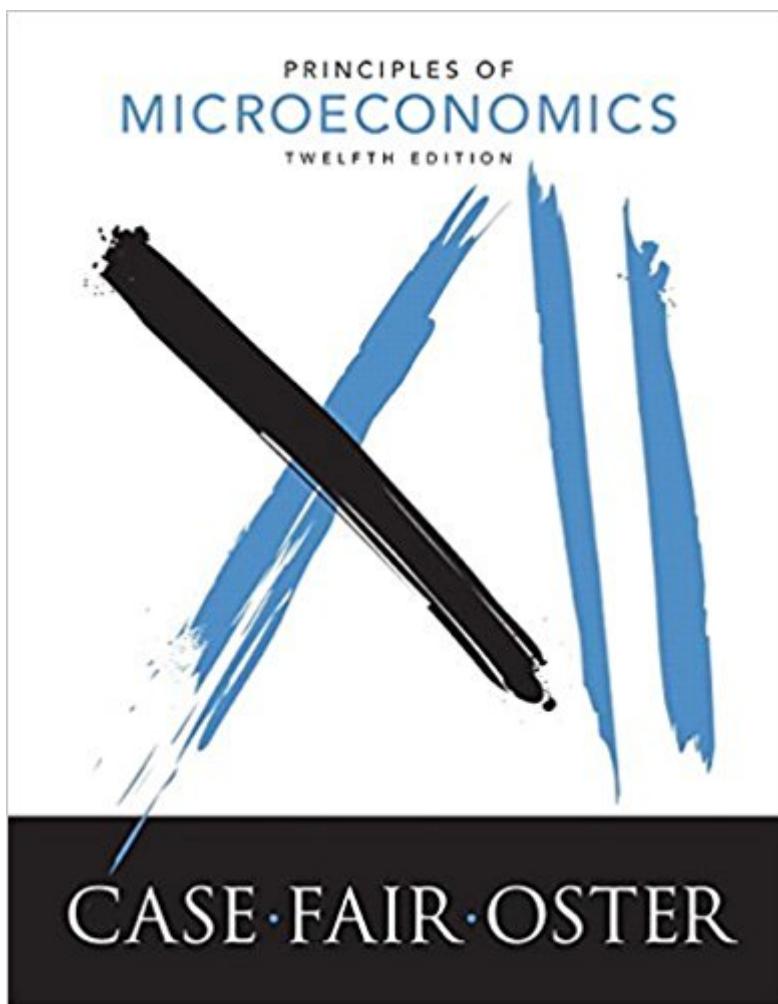


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Ray C. Fair is Professor of Economics at Yale University. He is a member of the Cowles Foundation at Yale and a Fellow of the Econometric Society. He received a B.A. in Economics from Fresno State College in 1964 and a Ph.D. in Economics from MIT in 1968. He taught at Princeton University from 1968 to 1974 and has been at Yale since 1974. Professor Fair's research has primarily been in the areas of macroeconomics and econometrics, with particular emphasis on macroeconomic model building. He also has done work in the areas of finance, voting behavior, and aging in sports. His publications include *Specification, Estimation, and Analysis of Macroeconometric Models* (Harvard Press, 1984); *Testing Macroeconometric Models* (Harvard Press, 1994); *Estimating How the Macroeconomy Works* (Harvard Press, 2004), and *Predicting Presidential Elections and Other Things* (Stanford University Press, 2012). Professor Fair has taught introductory and intermediate macroeconomics at Yale. He has also taught graduate courses in macroeconomic theory and macroeometrics. Professor Fair's U.S. and multicountry models are available for use on the Internet free of charge. The address is <http://fairmodel.econ.yale.edu>. Many teachers have found that having students work with the U.S. model on the Internet is a useful complement to an introductory macroeconomics course.

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I had to buy this book because I teach Microeconomics at the University level and I have to use the same book as everyone else. This is absolutely the worst Micro text I've ever encountered, and may well be the worst text of any kind. I can't really teach from it because I spend a much of my lecture time translating this gibberish into English, and the rest of it trying to teach my students some economics. I have a life to live and the life expectancy charts don't give me enough time to write all my criticisms. In summary, all of that would add up to STAY AWAY FROM THIS BOOK ! Just trust me -- I have a PhD in Economics from Duke University and for over 40 years I have taught Econ at undergraduate, MBA and Doctoral levels.

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