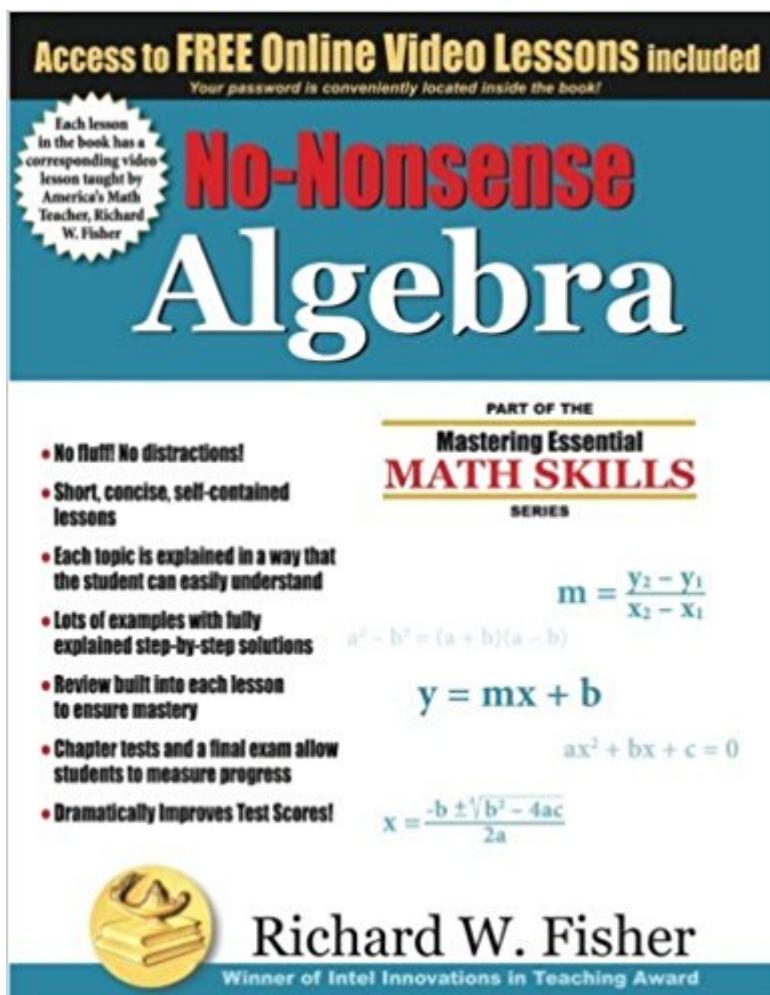


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# No-Nonsense Algebra: Part Of The Mastering Essential Math Skills Series



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## **Customer Reviews**

Award-winning teacher and author, Richard W. Fisher, shares his dynamic teaching style with students. Winner of the Intel Innovations in Teaching Award, Fisher knows what it takes for students to master Algebra. The easy-to-follow text combined with the online tutorial videos, make No-Nonsense Algebra a can't miss approach to mastering algebra.

I just went through this book to put together my 8th grade son's curriculum plan for the year. I went through the lessons/format etc and the reviews. This book is AMAZING. It really is basic algebra, the one-world language of math. LOVE IT. The crazy backwards crap they tried shoving down his throat (aka COMMON CORE NONSENSE) in our California public school system left him still confused and, though he passed the class with a B, he still feels like none of it is 'clear' in his head, and he gets re-confused when problems he hasn't done in a while are re-introduced (a problem he NEVER had before the common core movement). This is a GATE kid who knew his ABCs at 18 months old, and reads 3 grade levels ahead, and common core math confuses him (and me, I'm a college grade who LOVES algebra and even I don't get common core lol). So we are starting over, homeschooling this year, with good old fashioned regular old MATH, and this is PERFECT! Now he will remember it for life the way I do, and he'll do great in high school geometry & trig. UPDATE!!!! We are on to the second quarter, and he is doing so well. On units that are easy for him, we do one unit per day. On more difficult units, we spread it out to two days. Rarely, we'll spread it out to a third day. He's doing great. This book cannot be more simple, organized and straight-forward. It's not too easy, it is regular algebra, but there are no frills to distract or confuse. A couple of times we ran into their way looking different than our way, which we thought was easier (like greatest common factor, in unit one-review), so we did it our way. All the answers are in the back of the book so I can check his math work. They give you a website log-in with every book, so you can access their website for help or contact them, but we haven't had to use it. If you're a parent who doesn't know algebra, this will probably help a lot. :) If he comes to a section that's a new concept or difficult for him, I'll sit down with him and we'll do the problems together but on our own separate papers. I'll say, ok what do we do next? And if he doesn't know that step, I'll explain it as I do it, and he listens and works the math problem as I guide him, explaining each step and why we're doing it, and on the next problem I'll ask "what do we do next?" And he quickly gets it and tells me as he goes. Then we'll check our answers to see if we are right. That way, if he gets stuck, I know exactly where and why, and I can help him before he has a chance to feel overwhelmed or get upset. This book could easily be spread out between two grade years. It would be perfect to start at 8th grade and go through 9th grade. Just count the number of total lessons in the book, divide the total school days (180 per year) by the number of lessons and you'll get how many school days you can spend on each lesson. Now that we're out of review and into straight algebra, one lesson per day is starting to look too rushed. They need lots of practice to get to know it like the back of their hand. Every unit has lessons. The lessons have a page that explains the concept in words, then gives several examples. It's best to write the

examples and tell yourself what they're doing while working it out yourself as you read it. Then you're ready to practice! AND at the end of each lesson, there are 4 review problems at the bottom on past lessons so they don't get rusty on past concepts but it's not overwhelming. I JUST CANNOT SAY ENOUGH GREAT THINGS!

This is just a very straight forward complete math curriculum. My son who hates math can get through this without the usually emotional breakdown. The lessons are one page with typically 20 problems. There are tests and a final exam. The child watches the video which is less than 10 minutes and then does the problems. We have honestly tried Math u see, Saxon, Teaching Textbooks and Video Interactive. This is the only one that doesn't require tears.

I have not actually used this yet in my one-day-a-week homeschooling class, but the format and the ready access to well-done video lessons is exactly what my students need. The ability for the students to do a "flipped classroom" format with the algorithm-based workbook and videos will allow the valuable classroom time to focus on group problem-solving and forays into interesting applications. I am very excited to have found this series!

This book is simply wonderful! Very complete and also very user friendly. Great! Having taught Algebra for years I find most resources to be either too difficult for the average student who still needs to complete algebra, or too watered down to really qualify as a comprehensive course of study. Richard Fisher is a genius who has finally found a way to combine simplicity and comprehensiveness in one source! I am thrilled. Thanks!

I homeschool my 9th grader and we are using the Math-U-See Algebra 1 so far this school year, but it hasn't been working well for my daughter. She doesn't like math and has had trouble understanding concepts in Algebra. I felt it was time for a new approach and found this No-Nonsense Algebra and ordered it on Friday, received it on Monday. Started using it right away... My daughter likes it! The lessons are short and simple and come with an included online class. I am impressed!! This Algebra course is MUCH cheaper than most, quite thorough in covering all Algebra concepts. I am a happy homeschool mom!!

I love Richard W. Fisher books! His videos are very helpful in addition to the workbook. I highly recommend his books! I just got back into college and didn't do well on my math placement test

because I'm the type of person who if I don't use it I lose it or in this case have forgotten the steps to solve certain problems. This book has helped me tremendously! It's 100% better than ALEKS which is what my school uses.

I have taught algebra in public schools and I wish my textbooks had made the concepts this clear. I now homeschool my children and this is the very best math program I have used in 18 yrs of homeschooling . The online video tutorial is precise and instruction is clear. The built in daily reviews insure that students are not forgetting information as they move forward. The amount of new problems given daily is enough to cement the concept without beating it into the ground. The cost is exceptional compared to other big name math companies. I would highly recommend this product.

We are using this to brush up on my son's Algebra skills in the summer leading up to taking 9th grade Honors Geometry. It is a good review guide. I like that it has clear examples and "just enough" practice. It would probably not be enough for a primary homeschool text, but it is a great supplemental text.

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