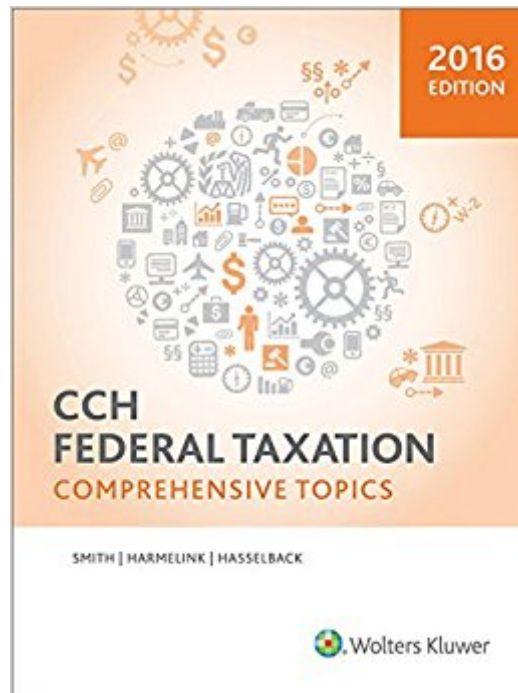




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This text gives you the worst of both worlds, in my opinion. On the one hand, if you're looking for a text to quickly educate you on how tax rules currently work, this book will not do that. It's constantly bogged down in tangents and half-way exceptions. By this I mean, it often announces exceptions but fails to fully describe their treatment. I would rather the authors do one or the other - either be a proper introductory text or a proper comprehensive text. This is neither. Likewise, the authors have a strange sense of when historical context should be given. Often the text invests several paragraphs explaining a concept, only to later tell you this concept is now obsolete or has been replaced by another. I would be fine with this approach for a history book. And, even in the context of tax law, there's no doubt it would be helpful to understand the context or background of an issue. But, again, these authors seem to try a little bit of both approaches and wind up doing neither of them well. You do not get enough background or history to form a proper context in your mind, but there's enough of it to completely bog you down (as a reader) if you're simply trying to learn what the current and correct treatment is. Granted, I do not expect text books to be light reading or fine literature. But this particular one ranks among the least usable and least enjoyable texts I've experienced in my academic and professional life.

I got this textbook for my Accounting Income Tax class and I think it is WAYYY overpriced at almost \$230 to cover all the tax jargon. I did okay in the class, but needless to say that this book is way too expensive, and it goes into more detail than necessary which makes it harder to grasp the big picture (they cover too much of the minutiae). Also I am unable to check my homework for the problems. Next time I will do the author a favor and stick with the eBook so he doesn't get so much money from me. I feel foolish for spending about \$227 on this book that I can't sell when I had an e-version of this book. I needed more access to convenience at the time, but NEVER AGAIN!

This book is hard to understand, Too many big words and didn't help me understand the class which I eventually failed.

Lots of examples and thorough explanations of tax concepts. Not very linear because it jumps around but for the most part its alright.

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