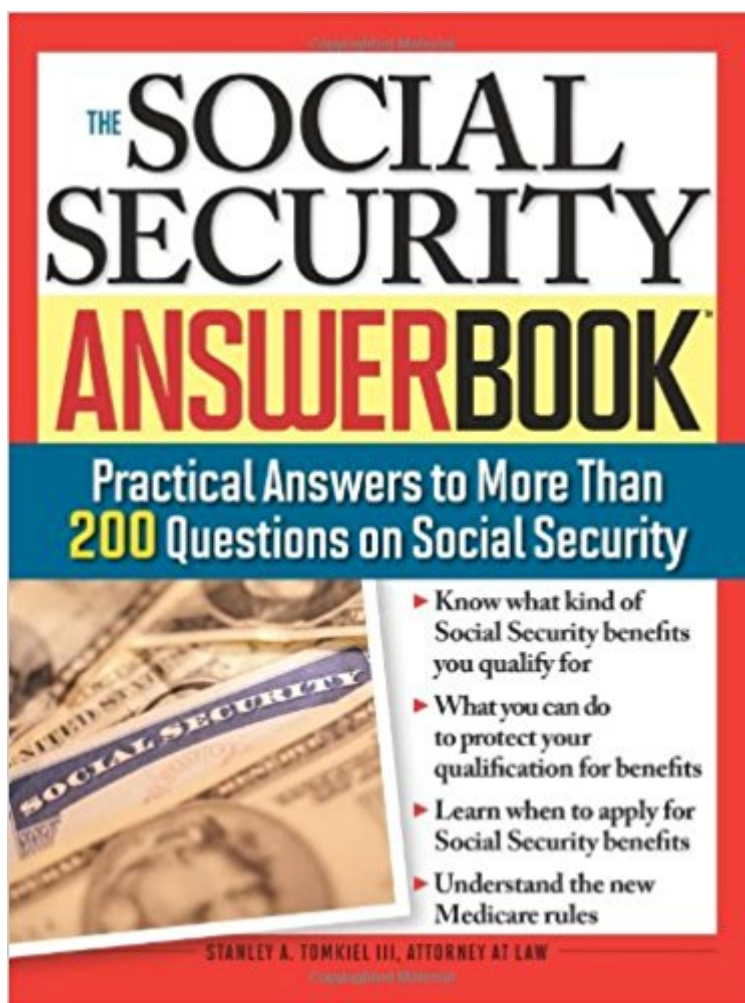


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This book does not "read" well. It has a lot of information but the Q/A format makes it a difficult read. The Questions are divided into topical sections/Chapters: Retirement, Disability, Survivor Benefits, MediCare, Spouse Benefits, Children, Applying for SS, Benefit Payments, Paying SS Tax and Identity Theft. And many of the answers are repeated in different sections and sometimes in the same section making it redundant. The author is clearly very knowledgeable and experienced in working in the social security system. I would have preferred the information written as narrative text using SS Facts from the questions the author has accumulated and maybe using a few Questions

to illustrate salient points. Unless the question YOU have matches the ones he has answered it won't help you much. In fact you might end up with more questions than answers. I'd call this an Introduction to SS or Social Security 101 because some of the questions were very basic.

Really found value in this book, and have a much better understanding of Social Security. The downside of the book was the number of times the same questions were repeated, which made some portions tedious to read. That said, I would recommend this book to anyone who is approaching retirement, or is dealing with full disability or the loss of a spouse (or ex-spouse).

This book is very poorly organized. It is a collection of questions asked and then answered. Many of the questions are asked and answered more than once throughout the book. It seems like the questions and answers are used as a filler.

The book is OK and gives some good info on the Social Security system. However, there is a lot of repetition in the question/answer technique the book uses.

The book was not quite what I expected. It is not as reader friendly as I had hoped, but does have some useful information..

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