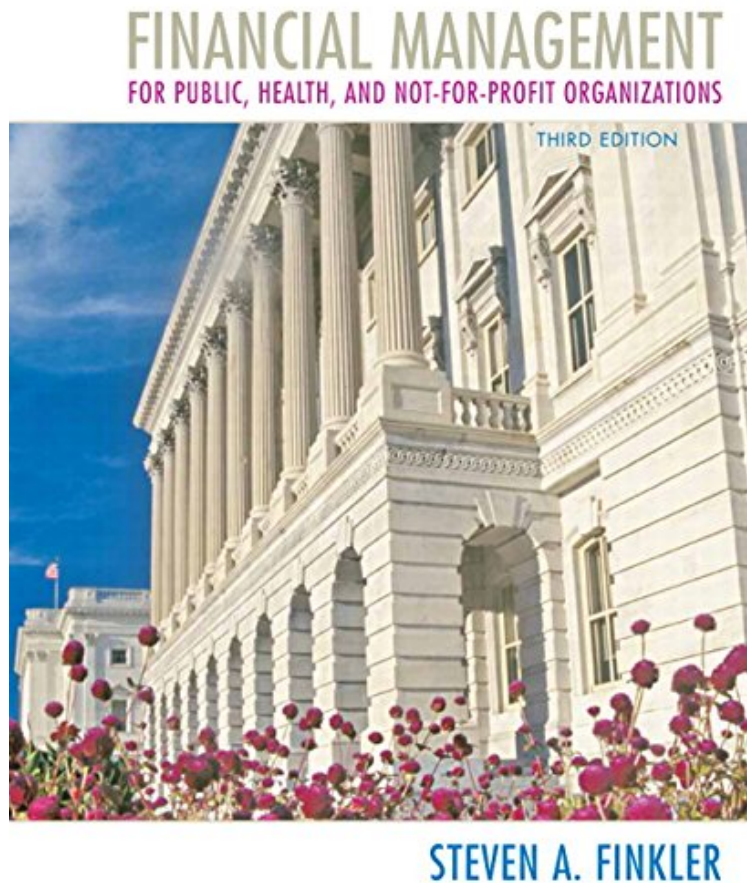


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it skipped a step in being overly reliant on technology instead of going back one step and showing the derivation and making the student go through the motions to get an understanding of where excel is coming from. It's not that it isn't there - for example the derivation of finding the value of the annuity is footnoted, in small print. Again, a small concern, but one nevertheless. A second thing is to look at the cost. Due to a mix up with the professor's syllabus, I had first bought the third edition of this book, before being told that the fourth edition was the only acceptable one. The problem is that at the time, the third edition was less than half the price of the fourth edition. The kicker was I ended up with both of the editions side by side, and looking at the first three chapters I noticed no discernible difference. This may not be true in later chapters as I didn't make the comparison. If you are assigning the text, have a look at the third edition for the student's sake. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. There should be a 0 star rating By Luckymommy Terrible text. Explanations for charts are frequently on the page before or after, so you have to flip back and forth to see the chart or explanations. No color anywhere. Key concepts could stand out more of done in color, listed in margins, boxed in the text. It is just word after word crammed on a page so as to squeeze as much as possible in as little space as possible. There are so many far superior ways to present this material. How about some real world examples instead of just using examples from three fictional entities? It would make the information more interesting to show how it is used in actual situations. The problems are frustrating to do because the information presented in the chapter is usually inadequate to slow one to work the problems. Much time is wasted trying to figure out the problems because the terms are different from what was explained in the chapter. For the money that this cost, it is a shame. Spending so much on a text would not be so objectionable if it would help one to learn. This book is dull, unimaginative, poorly put together, and utterly frustrating. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mismatched expectations between text and practice questions By Sarah Aquino If this text is the sole required text for a public finance course with an incompetent instructor, you are in serious trouble. I'm not even sure if this text makes a good reference book in a situation in which you have a decent instructor. The text gives you the basic vocabulary needed to get your feet wet in the world of public finance. I'm not sure if it provides anything beyond that so be prepared to do some reading elsewhere. My main complaint is that reading is basic and often focuses unnecessarily on basic, trivial concepts. However, some of the practice questions are beyond the scope of the book. What a puzzling experience.

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