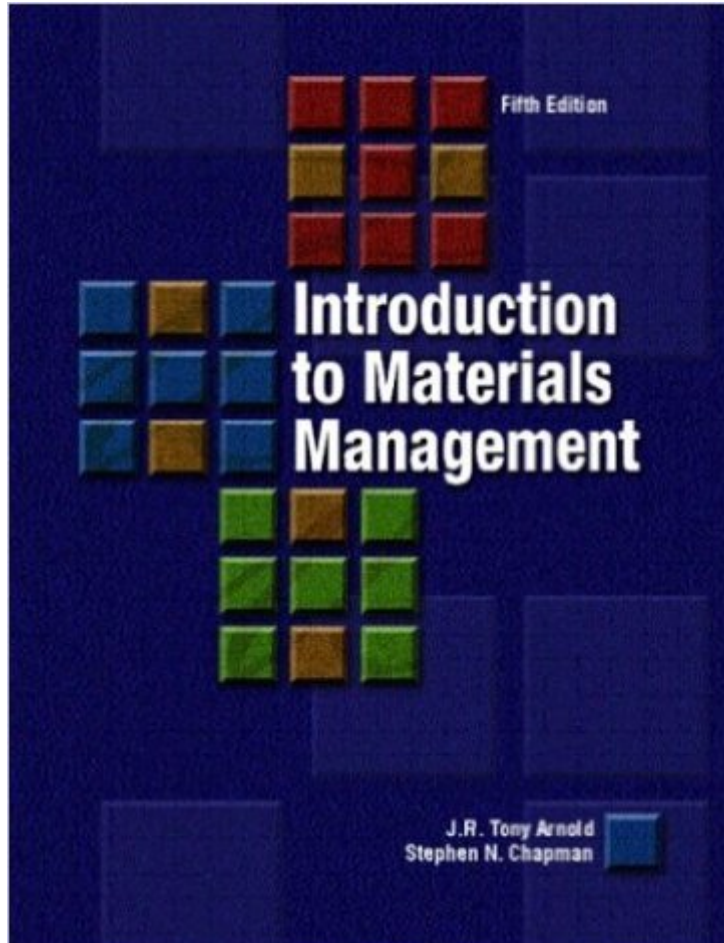


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# Introduction To Materials Management (5th Edition)



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For courses in Materials Management, Production and Inventory Control, and Logistics taught in business and industrial technology departments of community colleges and universities. This is the only text listed in the APICS--The Educational Society for Resource Management CPIM Exam Content Manual as the text reference for the Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) CPIM certification examination. Written in a simple and user-friendly style, it covers all the basics of supply chain management and production and inventory control.

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I own the 4th edition. I had to make a comment after recommended the 5th. This is a great book. Originally, I was PO'ed at the price. Especially when you get it and it's quite thin compared to many texts. I had to get it for APICS. Once you start reading it you find it cuts through all waste. This is not a padded book. It explains concepts in a brief, direct manner. Most importantly it communicates clearly. It's like a well-written executive summary of the field of materials management. There is enough detail for practitioners. I have almost all texts in the recommended reading of APICS. This is probably my favorite. The utility you will get per unit of time reading this is huge.

This is an excellent book to use to study for the CPIM certification and it offers a great deal of information that isn't always shared in the classes. After taking many of the classes I have found

that reading from the book one becomes much more prepared for the exams. This book is also a great read for improving one's skills as a production planner. I recommend this book for anyone aiming to work in the materials end of manufacturing. Henry Ford would have enjoyed this!

This book covers the basics of material management and goes into some quantitative detail as well. It is very well written and its lucid style is perfect for a beginner to get a grasp on the subject. The author clearly and logically explains the concepts of production planning, master production schedule, MRP, Production and activity control, purchasing, inventory management, forecasting, demand planning and much more. The book also has an abundance of examples and exercises for the student to work through. It makes a good read as a beginner's textbook - but it is probably not very useful as a practical guide for the experienced professional.

I bought this because it is a suggested study item for passing the first exam in the CPIM series of exams. I passed the first exam using this book and the APICS exam manual. I should say that my score was barely passing but I studied for 12 hours the night before the exam while I was at a campsite. So I attribute my lackluster performance to my own study habits and not to the books I purchased. It worked for its intended purpose and I wouldn't have passed without it.

I think this is the right book to start studying materials management. Each chapter, written in an easy to read manner, offers a great deal of systematically classified information on every aspect of production planning and control. I suggest reading the book with the accompanying case book, which also covers lots of useful material though with some typographical errors. If chapters were outlined in more detail with subsections it would help facilitate a clearer understanding and enable following up points of reference more easily. I and my students found it both useful and enjoyable in class.

Maybe it's just me, but it's hard to get too excited over a textbook about materials management. That being said, if you need to know materials management, I can't imagine a better place to start. It's the definitive work from everything I've seen and been told about. Good luck to everyone out there studying for their APICS certifications.

I bought this book as a reference to study for my APICS Basics of Supply Chain Exam. It was spot-on. The book reads relatively easily and can be completed in 1-3 days depending on your

reading speed. A good cover-to-cover read would adequately prepare someone to take the APICS BSC exam.

Of all the supply chain type books I own, this is by far the easiest to understand. I will read the chapters to gain the understanding then move to another text if I felt I wanted a deeper level. This book is perfect as a reference for APICs certification.

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