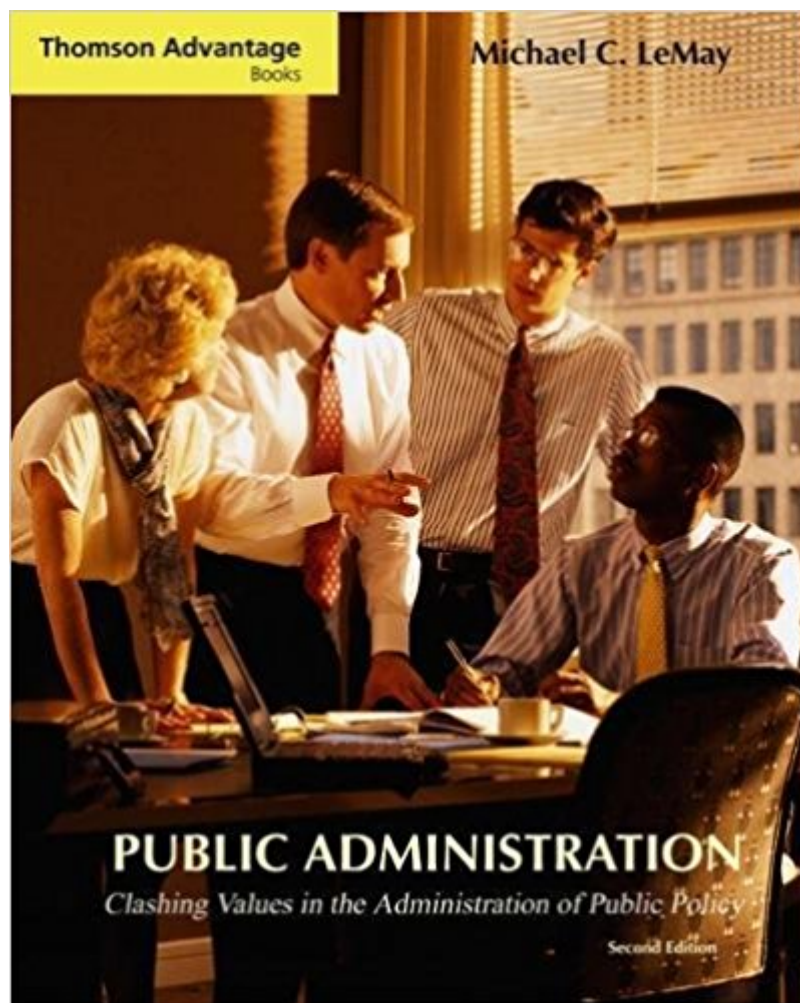




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Customer Reviews

LeMay has made an important contribution to the field of public administration by writing a text that breaks down preexisting stereotypes in favor of a more realistic and stimulating argument regarding the politics of the American bureaucracy.

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Like many other people, I had to get this book for a class. There is a piece of me that hopes that some professors read the reviews, and take that into consideration when assigning a class book. I give the book three stars, but mostly because I do not know what else is on the market for public administration. Yet, this book was not a good book, the layout is poor, it seems that there is a large amount of information that is not broken up well. It seems that it delivers its content disjointed, and there is no transition between the chapters and sometimes within the chapter. I understand that it is trying to get a lot of information to the reader, but it is not a good student friendly textbook. I used it for a graduate class, but when applying its information to real world case studies I found that there had to be a very large connection made, sometimes even guessing, about whether or not the sections in specific chapters might apply to this book. I wish that the book provided real-world examples and then used that to explain situations and influences. I understand that there are different types of government that a city may work under, but then address them in the development of the book.

I bought this book for a class I took in an MPA program. What a waste the book was. It was apparently written for people with no experience or understanding at all of government functions, presumed that everyone would be impressed with the irrelevant and distracting inset stories, and that the primary focus of public administration is what the FEDERAL government does and is. If you work or want to work in a state, county, municipal, or other local government agency, don't expect to learn much from this book. It is full of fluff and short on providing a good understanding of what a public administrator really needs to know. The price is also exorbitant for a paperback. If you are FORCED to buy this book by your instructor, get a cheap used version. You'll get rid of it anyway as it's useless as a resource or reference beyond the class readings.

This was just for my public Administration course.

Excellent overview of past-to-present public administrative theory and practice. Used for a graduate level class, and unfortunately the only book that even came close to that expected level of reading. Recommend as a basic book for the public administrator. Covers nearly two hundred years of public administrative theory and practice. Most selections are easy to read, and are set up both historically and functionally/catagorically.

With the position classification can see where the reduction in force (RIF) would come into the picture as the impasse resolution is there in terms of personnel collective bargaining. Focusing on the crisscrossing of information provides a more in~depth look into the efficiency of communication that doesn't always call for either a informal or formal communication viewpoint stance.

Concentrating now the process ~ oriented the management is there with the stakes going over the results ~ oriented as many managements do with the co~existing program evaluation. Seeing this as a concern at times with focus groups like it was a mere offset to the critical path method (CPM) taken to and from the quality circle(s) with the objective tactics being noticed in the layout networked surroundings. The understanding comes when the procedural rules are gone over as a strategies of support when the cross ~ subsidies are asking for a regulatory ratchet to there. Seeing how this would burden the capital budget now as a decentered backdoor financing budget cycle. As though the mixed scanning was still there on the incremental approach to have a favoring say in the bargaining externalities. This would allow the pervasive ambiguities to be mentioned in the decision making process to make the negative externalities that are certainly there as satisfice.

This was for a class.

A decent overview to basic concepts, but nothing that you could not find on Wikipedia. Required for one of my MA classes, but a pointless expense really.

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