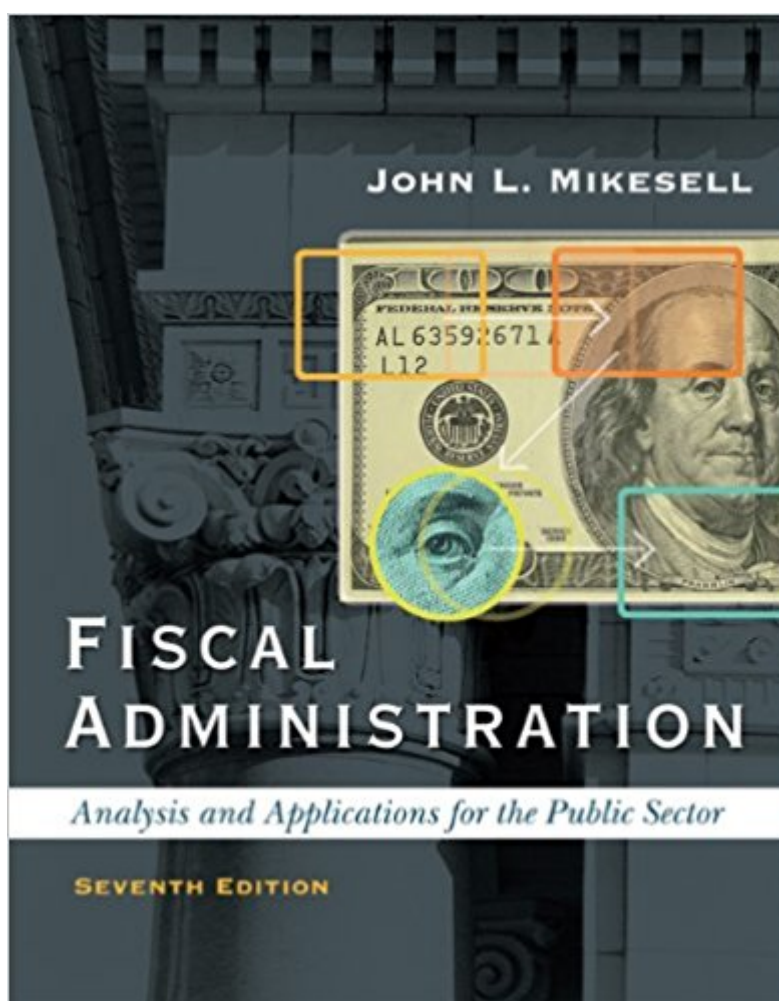


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studies for several states, including New York, Minnesota, Indiana, and Hawaii; as consultant on World Bank missions to several countries; and as a Senior Research Fellow, Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy in Beijing. Dr. Mikesell received the 2002 Wildavsky Award for Lifetime Scholarly Achievement in Public Budgeting and Finance from the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.

This book is written so poorly I can barely get through it. Mikesell goes on and on with run-on sentences, excessive details that get in the way of the concepts, and very poor organization of the concepts. He shifts styles, meanders off topic, and fails to get to the point. He also uses very few graphs or illustrations. Instead, he includes large tables of numerical data (rather than a chart, like a pie, line, or bar graph, that would bring out the important message). Even though it's in the 7th edition, it reads like a rough first draft. It needs major revision. In order to get through it, I skim for the ideas and skip a lot of the text. When I try to "read" it (i.e. every word), I get so bogged down, I can't move forward and I don't retain much. Mikesell obscures the main concepts in a haze of excess words, unhelpful information, and pervasive use of the passive voice. Unfortunately, I have to use this book for my graduate Public Financial Management course. If you have the choice, find something better.

No complaints!

Very boring to read, but it was very helpful in studying how cities, manage their budgets. I became more aware of the tax structure than ever before.

Great book. Definitely wouldn't have passed class without it! Thanks

This text book is the worst I have ever been asked to read. For an entry level public budgeting course, this reading was off the charts: boring, unclear, and downright confusing. For sure the worst book I have ever read. It is only thanks to the Internet that I was able to learn the things I needed to for the course, thank God. Because this book wouldn't have cut it. If you see it on a syllabus, take a different class !

Wonderful textbook, as far as textbooks go! Interesting font used throughout the book. Good quotes included and excellent reference material for further study. Had to buy it for my Master's level class

and feel that I've learned a lot so far. Halfway through my semester upon writing this review. A must for a municipal manager!

The content is good and accessible for the graduate student. The examples help to make the subject matter clear and help to understand the concepts. I think this is an above average presentation of the material, I recommend this text to graduate level teachers for Financial Management courses.

In my years in undergrad, law school, and grad school, I have never encountered such a disorganized mess of a book. The fact that I actually had to pay hundreds of dollars for this atrocity makes me sick. The chapters are not outlined in a manner that enables the reader to understand how the topics and positions related. The information conveyed is boring, and the author expends far too many words attempting to explain his points. HATE THIS BOOK, and the price I paid for it. If this class wasn't a requirement, I would've dropped it solely on the basis of this course text.

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