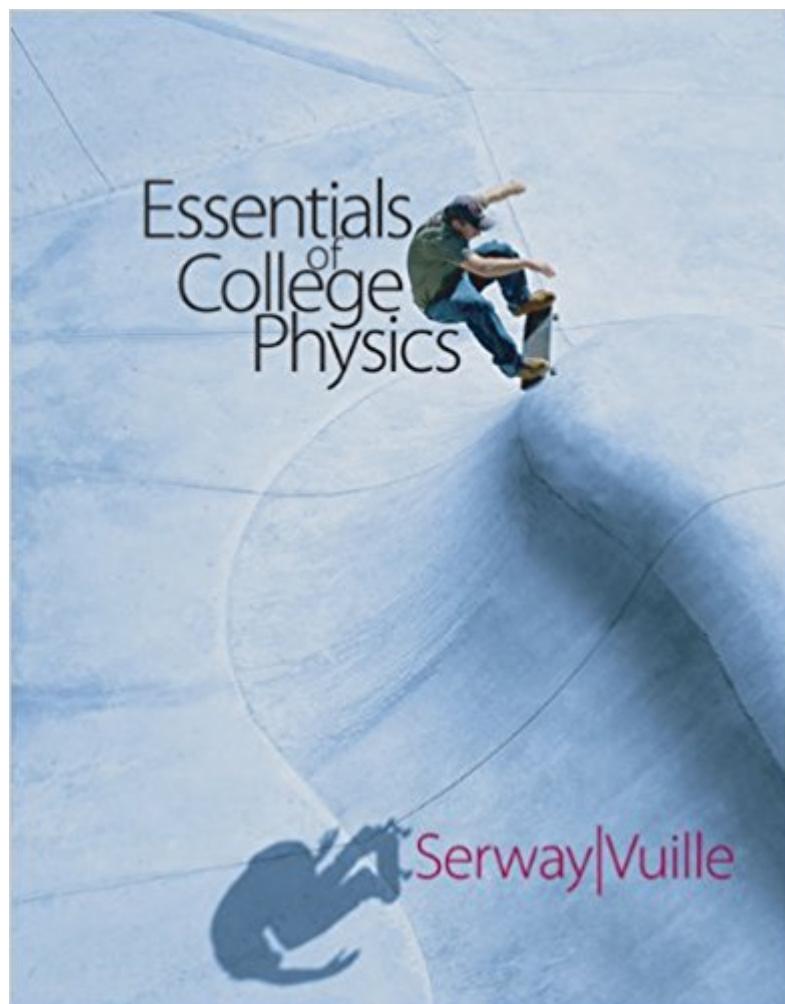


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# Essentials Of College Physics



## Synopsis

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I highly value a well-written textbook because the textbook is, many times, the key to truly understanding the material of a college course. This book will leave you utterly helpless. There are many problems with this book, but, for the sake of brevity, I'll simply summarize the most egregious example of the uselessness of this book. Throughout each section, which are heavily weighed down with technical jargon the publishers apparently feel no need to explain in any systematic way, the formulas will be presented, and, roughly speaking, one example will be shown using pictures to demonstrate the concept. You'll get to the end of the chapter, turn to the problem sets, and wonder what in the hell was the entire point of the preceding chapter. The chapter leaves out an real attempt to explain a method for solving word-based physics problems. You'll flip back-and-forth, back-and-forth looking for any hint on how to correctly answer the problem only to end up on google searching for an explanation of how they got from A to B. The book spends part of the first chapter explaining how there is a major distinction between speed and velocity only to use the words interchangeably for the remainder of the book in the problem sets. Now, I'm totally dependent on a professor who is just as confusing as the textbook. I'm now looking for a supplementary textbook to fill in the chasm that this book creates.

We used this book for College Physics I... It's just not a great textbook (and I did actually read the book). As my teacher said, the problems are written by different people than those who write the text, and this inconsistency makes it hard sometimes to figure out answers. Concepts are not well-explained. All of the in-text examples use scientific notation for every number (literally 500 is  $5.0 \times 10^2$ ) so it's pretty hard to follow with your eyes. But I guess it still gets the job done.

I don't really like the set up of the book, but I had to get it for class.

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