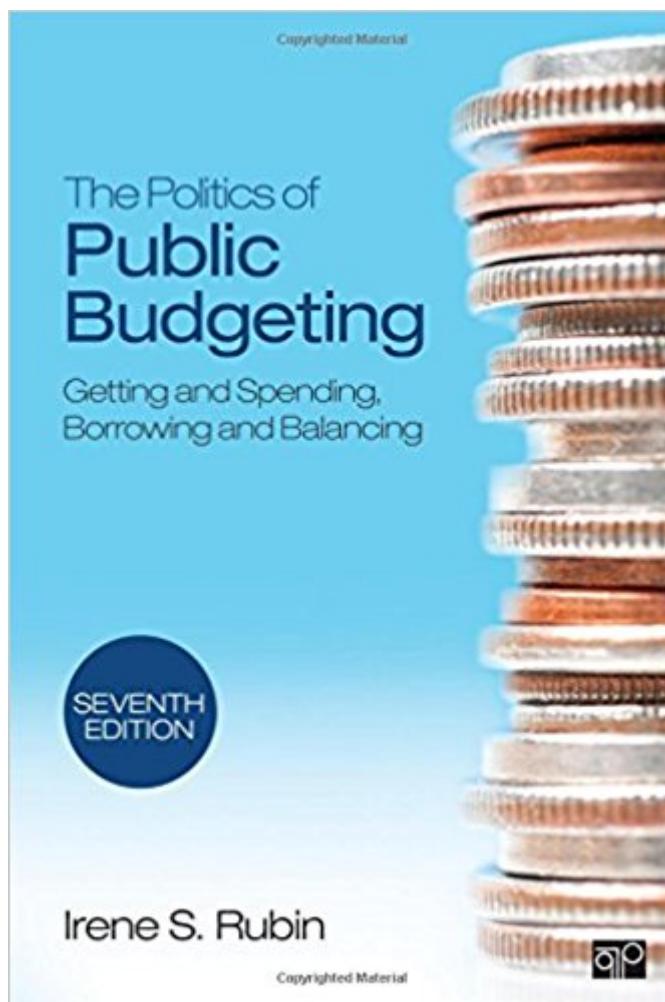


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# The Politics Of Public Budgeting: Getting And Spending, Borrowing And Balancing



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This book was great for the course we used it in and it is one of the few books I actually held on to after obtaining my Master's degree. Rubin utilizes a more realistic approach in teaching public budgeting by leveraging real life examples (both good and bad) to prove her point. I especially enjoy the "mini case studies". Let's face it case studies can be so incredibly really boring (and repetitive)

after a while, but these mini case studies are only a paragraph or so long and give just enough information to allow students to actually sit and think about outcomes. I think more time should be spent discussing and analyzing the theme in case studies than should be spent reading them, so this method really agreed with me and my learning style. Overall, I really appreciated the honest, upfront approach this book took. I just wished we would have used it even more in my public budgeting class.

Excellent book! The author explains the subject in a way that makes it easy to understand. She gives a lot of examples and references. I recommend this book. If you are interested in this book for a college course; I recommend you purchase the book vs renting it. You will want to keep this book as a resource going forward.

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