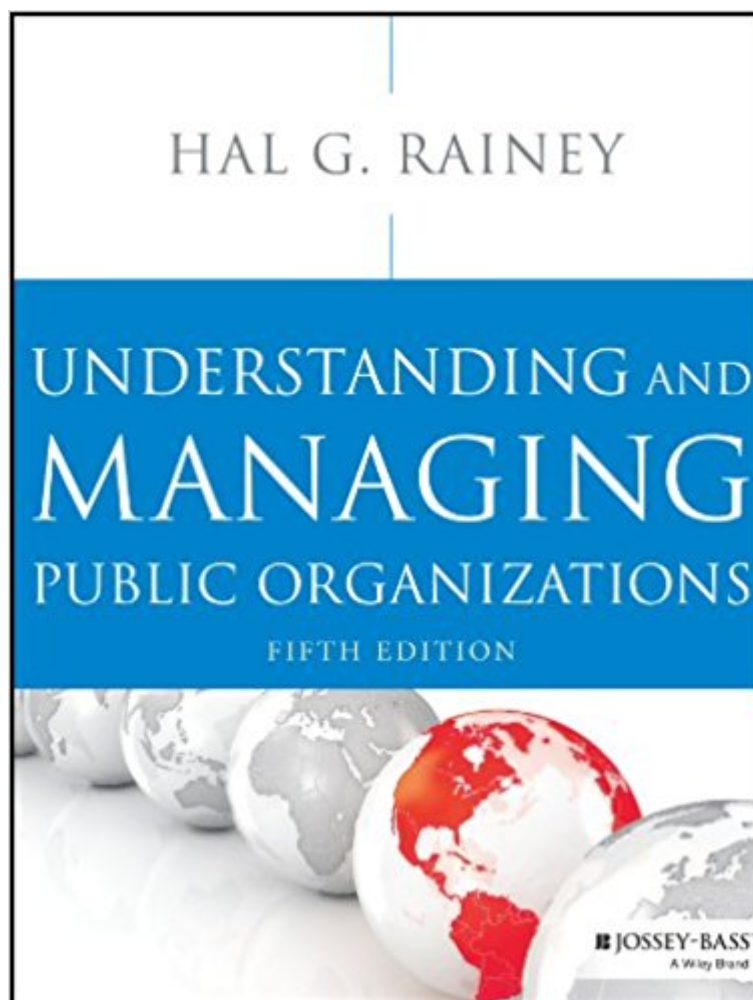


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Huge waste of time. It takes motivational theory (yes, those two words are used together & no, I don't know why) & proceeds to go on off-shoots of what if's & best case scenarios. Given the current state of public organizations, I think an update is desperately needed. It should read: "motivations for public organizations: money, power, & ladies". Really, that just about covers the entire subject. Spend more of that student loan \$\$ & buy!

The quality of the book was okay, the book itself though sucked. I don't quite understand how the author can even say he wrote that book, it was seriously 98% quotes from other authors and scholars yet he claimed it as his own. If you're getting this book for personal enrichment I'd advice another path, if you're getting this book for school I'm sorry (because it sucks) but it's nice quality so there's that.

Very clean. Looks like new.

This textbook was required for my Masters of Public Administration class in Organizational Management and Change. The author did extensive research into the concepts and provides a wealth of information. He does have a tendency to preview chapters from within other chapters; this is somewhat distracting because you're never sure when you will get all the information.

Perfect book and perfect delivery

Great

Used in conjunction with Classics of Organizational Theory. The text can be a little difficult to follow at times but the material is quality.

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