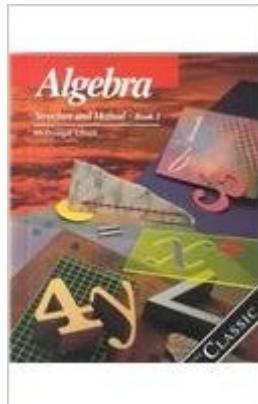


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I got this book for one reason... I needed to introduce formal proof in an Algebra 1 course in a meaningful way, and I needed to find a text book that had good explanations for the students as well as good exercises for them to do. I have a library of perhaps 15 different Algebra 1 textbooks published over the past 30 years and not one of them has more than a passing reference to formal proof. This text book has, by comparison, a reasonably thorough introduction to formal proof, and enough exercises so that I can have students practice what they need to practice and learn what they need to learn. It's written at a level that my students will be able to learn from. It's also interesting to see how much material in that book no longer appears in Algebra 1 textbooks these days: Linear programming, systems of equations in three variables, trigonometry and vectors, and a unit on statistics and probability. It also has a section at the back designed to help students prepare

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