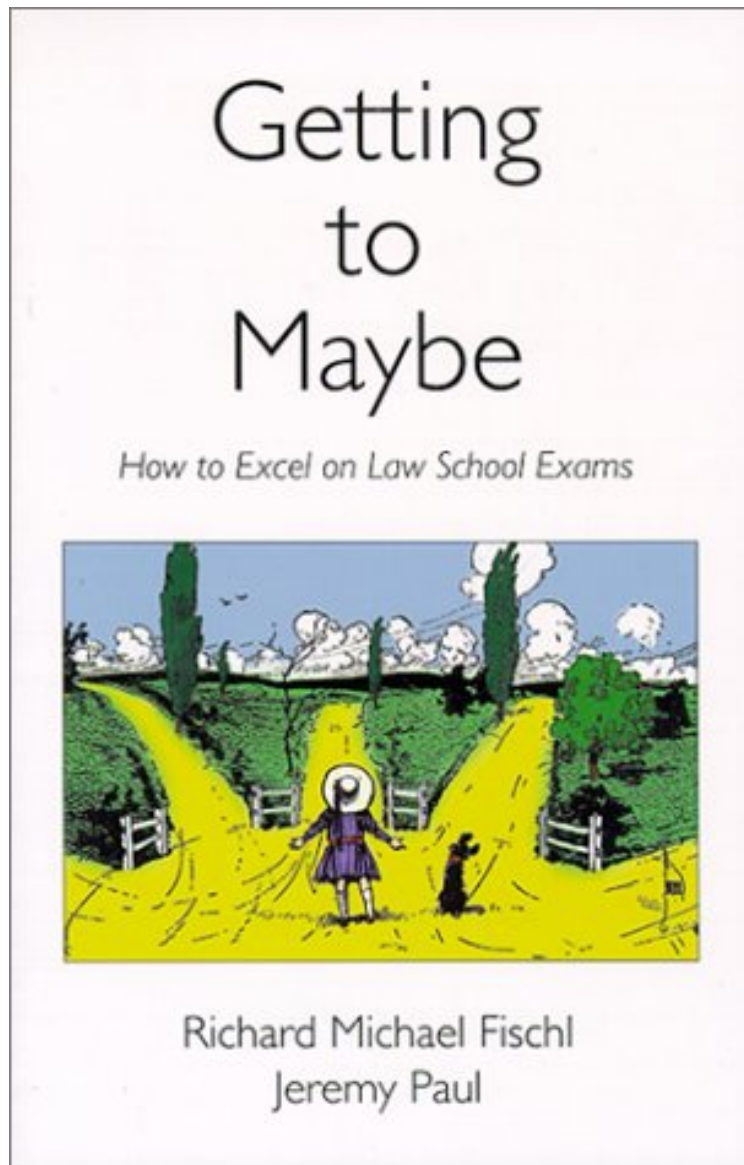


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To start law school this fall -- Good start! By XLogic Obviously, I do not exactly know what to expect or if what I have read so far in this book will make a difference on law school exams. Why? because I haven't even started law school yet! However, in light of what I have been told, and what I have researched about law school, I believe this book contains really useful advice. I have interviewed 1Ls, 2Ls and practicing lawyers on law school and the practice of law. One thing they all bring up is how ambiguous the law is, and how in law school, most students are lost because they do not know how best to organize law courses effectively. This is especially the case for students who approach law school like undergraduate work. i.e., Knowledge test. In my opinion this book does a good job of explaining the legal perspective and how it's not so much about the answer you give to a legal question/issue, as it is about how you argue your point (on both sides) to arrive at an answer (or no answer). What I have appreciated so far is that this book does not necessarily prescribe exact tools for legal analysis and/or argument. Most of the book (Part 1 and 2) focuses on "the ambiguity" in the law, and where this ambiguity comes from. I had to pause and think about the phrase "No vehicles permitted in the park". What does "vehicle" cover? Does it include tricycles -- technically yes, however, was that the purpose of the law? Why bother about purpose.. is that relevant, and if so, how? and it goes on and on... For now, I plan to focus on Part 1 and 2 more-so than Part 3. Especially on the chapters discussing "forks in the law" and "forks in the facts" -- fascinating stuff. I think this will get me in the right frame of mind for law school. Pick up this book if you are about to start law school (like me), or if you are already there. Interestingly, I arrived at this book by reading comments from the authors of Planet law school and another highly reputable law school book -- both recommended this book for 1Ls. I agreed and bought this book instead of theirs. ha!

Professors Fischl and Paul explain law school exams in ways no one has before, all with an eye toward improving the reader's performance. The book begins by describing the difference between educational cultures that praise students for 'right answers,' and the law school culture that rewards nuanced analysis of ambiguous situations in which more than one approach may be correct. Enormous care is devoted to explaining precisely how and why legal analysis frequently produces such perplexing situations. But the authors don't stop with mere description. Instead, Getting to Maybe teaches how to excel on law school exams by showing the reader how legal analysis can be brought to bear on examination problems. The book contains hints on studying and preparation that go well beyond conventional advice. The authors also illustrate how to argue both sides of a legal issue without appearing wishy-washy or indecisive. Above all, the book explains why exam questions may generate feelings of uncertainty or doubt about correct legal outcomes and how the student can turn these feelings to his or her advantage. In sum, although the authors believe that no exam guide can substitute for a firm grasp of substantive material, readers who devote the necessary time to learning the law will find this book an invaluable guide to translating learning into better exam performance.

This book should revolutionize the ordeal of studying for law school exams....It's clear, insightful, fun to read, and right on the money. --Duncan Kennedy, Carter Professor of General Jurisprudence, Harvard Law School Finally a study aid that takes legal theory seriously....Students who master these lessons will surely write better exams. More importantly, they will also learn to be better lawyers. --Steven L. Winter, Brooklyn Law School If you can't spot a 'fork in the law' or a 'fork in the facts' in an exam hypothetical, get this book. If you don't know how to play 'Czar of the Universe' on law school exams (or why), get this book. And if you do want to learn how to think like a lawyer - a good one - get this book. It's, quite simply, stone cold brilliant. --Pierre Schlag, University of Colorado School of Law (Law Preview Book on The Princeton website) Finally a study aid that takes legal theory seriously....Students who master these lessons will surely write better exams. More importantly, they will also learn to be better lawyers. --Steven L. Winter, Brooklyn Law School If you can't spot a 'fork in the law' or a 'fork in the facts' in an exam hypothetical, get this book. If you don't know how to play 'Czar of the Universe' on law school exams (or why), get this book. And if you do want to learn how to think like a lawyer - a good one - get this book. It's, quite simply, stone cold brilliant. --Pierre Schlag, University of Colorado School of Law (Law Preview Book on The Princeton website) About the Author