

Early 19th/20th Century Algebra Texts

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It seems from the very few texts I could find at the Gutenberg Project that mathematics texts weren't under the same time constraints as schools in the United States. Am I wrong in thinking that the core principles/rules that make up algebra can be taught in a very short time? Many texts are written to span a school year without regard to this assumption. Is it really the case that the only texts out there are of this type? I find that these types don't offer the principle/rule focus that enable the student to understand the essence of algebra and its applicability. Does anyone know of texts that aren't encumbered by these standardized requirement yet still retain clarity and accuracy?

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