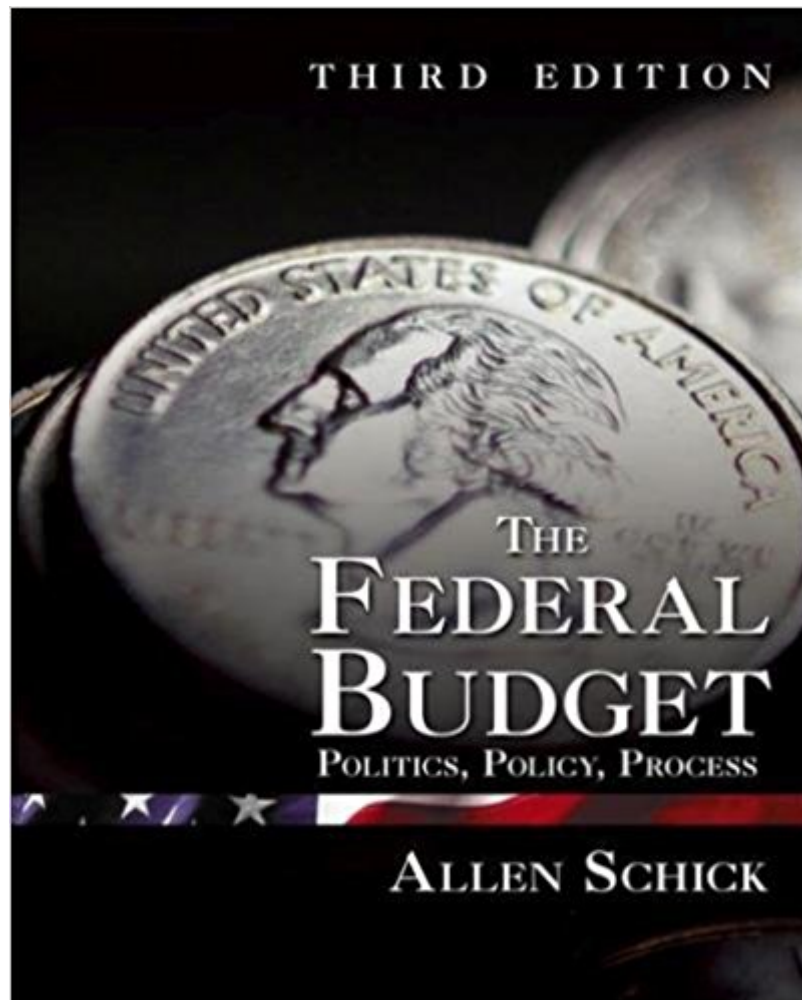




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Allen Schick is a visiting fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution and a professor of public policy at the University of Maryland. His other books include *The Budget Puzzle:*

Understanding Federal Spending (Stanford University Press, 1994), with Timothy J. Muris and John F. Cogan, and *The Capacity to Budget* (Urban Institute, 1990).

Great intro to the budget process. Its an easy read and clearly explains the gambit of the process.

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This is a little outdated now, but the basics are all here and make it worth a read.

Book was in great shape, but I never even opened it for class because the professor was so good.

Dr. Schick's book is outstanding. If you use this book in the classroom or teach the congressional or federal budget process, you should also look at the Congressional Operations Poster. One side of the poster covers the federal budget process, with a flowchart that is very useful when teaching about the federal or congressional budget process. (But don't take my word that the poster is useful - I have seen it hanging in federal agency offices in Washington, DC.) The publisher, TheCapitol.Net, has more information about the poster, and many useful links, on their web site: congressposter.com Best bet is to buy Dr. Shick's book and the Congressional Operations Poster.

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