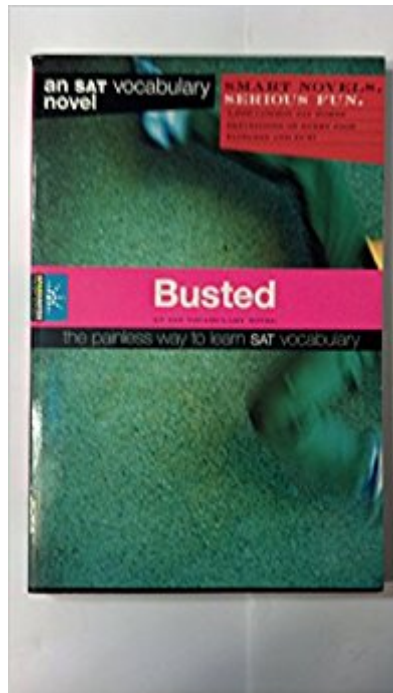




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Busted: An SAT Vocabulary Novel



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Customer Reviews

Purchased for my niece to help her prepare for SAT. She said story was interesting and definitely helped with vocabulary.

This was actually a good book . . . too bad our daughter did not get into it as much as my wife! But this is a great way to learn vocabulary, for whatever reason.

It was a good book and it was interesting and exciting as well its a good read and it increases students SAT vocabulary

Bought this book for my brother's students. He's a high school teacher. His students loved it and learning everyday trying to get perfect score on their SAT.

A friend introduced this book to my kid and she seems to enjoy reading it and start picking up vocabulary. It is good starter book.

This book is about a college girl named Kim. She is at home for winter break and gets a little bored so she jumps on the opportunity to help out her mom in a drug case. Her mom is a head police officer and is trying to solve a drug case at Hanover Academy, a rich boarding school. Kim decides she would be great for the job, going under cover as a transfer student in order to bust the dealer. Kim has 3 suspects she has to somehow become friends with. This ends up being difficult because they are all opposites and don't like each other. Kim goes through many ups and downs trying to solve this case and the author threw in a few twists so it keeps you guessing until the end. It is a pretty short and easy read. Considering the book is short and there are 1000 vocab words in it, it does seem a little packed. Though, all sat vocab books are like this, so it isn't too overwhelming. As far as sat books go, this one was the most well-written, and most enjoyable story line.

This book was helpful and all, but the story was really unsatisfactory. It's very easy to read, so if you have nothing better to do (which I don't), I guess it makes it hard to put down. I don't recommend it unless, of course, you need to study the SAT words. I did find that helpful, but it makes it a bit hard to remember all of them and their definitions because it's a pretty short book with 1000 SAT words, so it's all kind of jam-packed and it's a bit overwhelming. Also, I don't like the story because it was about a teenage girl trying to bust a highschool drug ring, so obviously they're going to talk "like teenagers," but they're also trying to teach you these big SAT words, and it all ends up sounding, well, extremely stupid. No teenager would ever talk like they do in the book. I guess that's not really the point, but then if the book isn't good (it's also EXTREMELY predictable), learning the SAT words in it is just as hard as it would be without the book. See what I mean?

I bought this book more for a guilty pleasure sort of read than I did for the vocabulary. It wasn't an outstanding storyline, but it wasn't awful and did succeed in making me giggle a bit along the way. As far as the vocab goes it is either inconsequential to the plot or a hindrance. It was irritating to have to look down the page every couple sentences to see what a word meant and this made it difficult to really get into the story. While the words are all used correctly in the technical sense, it seems like the connotations of some of them have been forgotten. I've never heard of your heart "distending" in your chest to be a good thing, for example. Because of that, learning the vocabulary from the book isn't much different than memorizing a list. Overall, it isn't a bad read. Get it at your

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