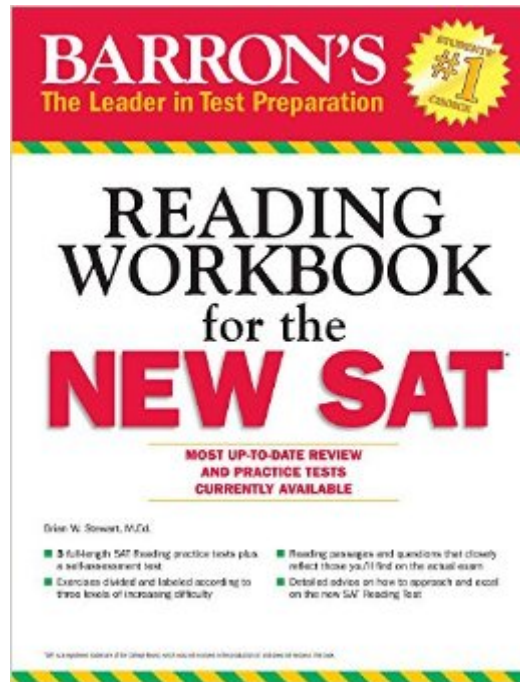


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## Customer Reviews

I'm a full-time SAT and ACT tutor, so I read this book with interest, especially since the SAT has just changed its format. I'm happy to say that this book provides excellent preparation for the Reading section of the new SAT, and it's a better resource for Reading than the advice in many complete SAT books. As a tutor, I really liked the strategies offered in the book. It's important for students to find a method that they're comfortable with, and the tips in the book provide many insightful ideas. I particularly liked the explanation of why students shouldn't read questions before reading the passage. Another strength of the book is the passage and question realism. How well passages and questions are written is extremely important, since students should be practicing with material that is as close as possible to the real SAT. This book is a rarity in that the questions and passages are almost like the real thing. When used in conjunction with the free SAT practice tests that the College Board makes available, this book is a useful resource for students who want to raise their Reading

scores.

This seems to be a great review for the New Sat reading section. There are plenty of strategies, drills, and practice passages, and it gave me a better idea of what to expect on the test. The explanations make sense for the most part, and there aren't any major errors I can find yet. I will update this post after I take the SAT again to see if this helped improve my CR score.

The fact that the SAT is new made me nervous because all the prep books have been refined over the years to the old test. My weakest area is Reading so this is where I need the most help. I found this book extremely helpful. The format is very good and the content was easy to comprehend. I like the way the exercises are segmented and organized. The aspect I appreciated and needed the most is the strategies the author suggests. I feel much more confident (and a little bit less stressed) about the test now that I've read the book.

When buying this book, you need to keep in mind that this is a 1st edition book that came out before the 'new' SAT. That said, the book is a great resource for students looking to work on their reading skills. The questions in the Barron's book are similar in format to the ones on the actual SAT. (The only exception would be the vocab section in the book which I perceived to be different from the actual SAT.) The book is well organized and includes three 52 question practice tests complete with answers. Pros:-Organization. The reading passages are laid out by difficulty-Question quality. (Much better than Kaplan and Princeton review imo)-Practice tests. For such a small book I'm surprised that there are 3 (not including the diagnostic test!) Cons:-Strategies suggested by the book are poor and not in-depth. Don't bother with them; this book is mainly for practice-Missing certain question types. This book does not have a lot of questions analyzing quotes from passages, for example.-The emphasis on vocab seems a little heavy. Kaplan's books focus on paired passages more while Barron's overlooks them.- \*Note that there is no grammar in this book. As the title implies this is a reading workbook. Overall, Barron's did an excellent job on the 1st edition. However, there is a lot still missing as we begin to learn more of the New SAT. For now, this is one of the better workbooks for SAT reading on the market. Is it perfect? No. But, it does provide a lot of the basics necessary to prepare for the SAT.

I had access to an advance manuscript of this book and was able to use it for PSAT prep. This Reading Workbook was instrumental to raising my own new SAT critical reading score from a 640

on the old SAT to a 750 out of 760 on the New PSAT! The passages and questions are well thought-out and are the most similar to released CollegeBoard material than all other test preparation companies. Would definitely recommend.

As a parent of a student who is currently preparing for SAT and as an ACT/SAT tutor, I highly recommend this book. It contains insightful strategies to help students not only pace themselves throughout the test but to maximize their score. The suggestions for answering vocabulary questions in context and for using passage evidence possibilities to help answer other questions were extremely helpful. This book offers the most up-to-date passages and questions available that mirror the new SAT. I was especially impressed by the quality of the chosen reading sections and the spot-on difficulty level of the questions and answer choices. Since students are expected to read and deconstruct visuals, the book utilizes tables, graphs, and charts so that students can practice analyzing these texts. Once students have completed work in context and graph analysis practice, the book offers three practice exercises of increased difficulty: this is an ingenious feature that provides an opportunity for students to stretch themselves. With three full-length practice tests following the diagnostic, strategies and practice, it was easy and rewarding to watch my daughter's scores increase. This is a must read for any student preparing to take the new SAT and any stakeholder who needs to help a child succeed on the test.

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