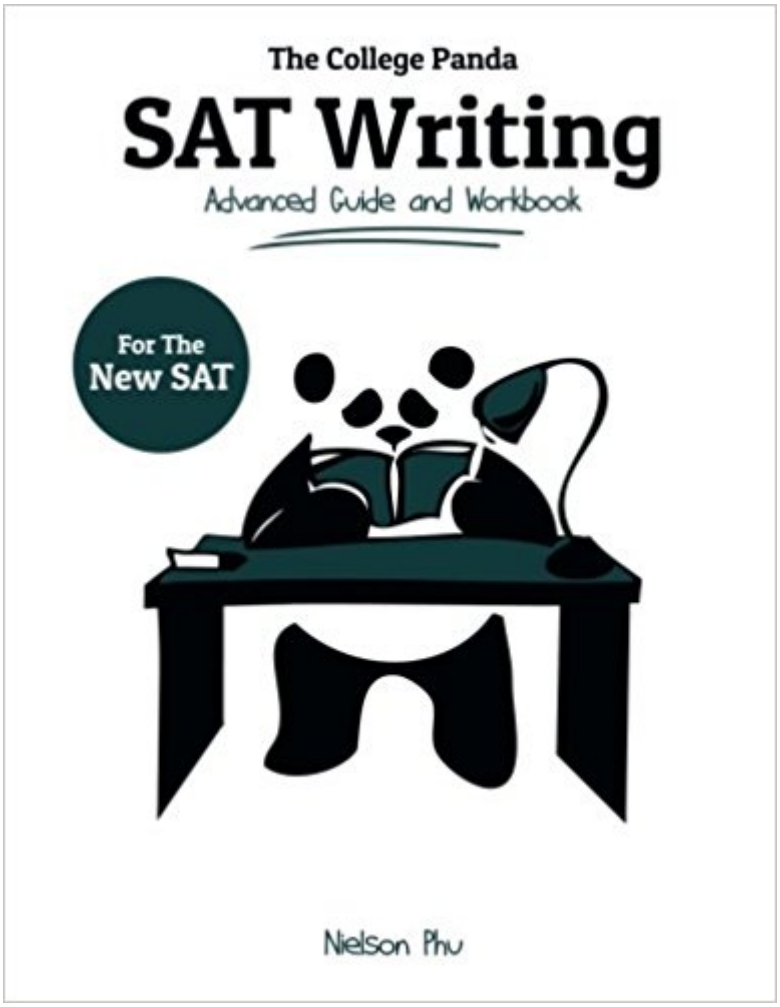
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Customer Reviews

Nielson Phu is a teacher, author, and SAT perfect scorer. Since graduating from NYU, he has helped hundreds of students throughout Boston and Hong Kong improve their own scores with a unique approach that goes far beyond the basic strategies found in typical test prep material. Although he is now an engineer, he continues to teach through The College Panda, an in-depth blog with more than 20,000 readers each month (http://thecollegepanda.com)

It's a little intimidating writing a review for a writing/grammar book, but here goes.(note: this review is largely repeated for the companion book,Ã Â The College Panda's SAT Math: Advanced Guide and

Workbook for the New SAT, but the words/review is every bit as applicable. We have been using both).Some people get perfect scores and really know how to take these tests. Others know how to explain concepts and materials. Very few can do both. Phu is the rare individual who can, did, and does.Having already had 2 students enter college, I have looked at a lot of PSAT/SAT prep materials over the years. It's hard to find any that are geared toward the more competitive students who already are performing decently but want to have confidence that they've fully cataloged ALL the types of questions, and want insight into the real 'gotchas' of the test. This book does exactly that, is straightforward to read, and doesn't waste your time with any nonessentials.While Nielson's book is indeed geared toward those aiming for seriously competitive scores, I'm sure it would also be helpful to those who just wanted to understand the "what" and "how" of SAT. Don't bother with the super-thick, fluff-filled guides churned out by the 'bigger' publishers -- too much bloatware in this books! They seem to think the page count justifies their cost, I guess. Further, I have found their 'explanations' of what makes a correct vs. incorrect answer often arbitrary or even misleading. In contrast, this book lays out the scope of the problem types in a no-nonsense manner. If you need a general introduction to 'what is the SAT', how long does it take, etc. then perhaps skim through the beginning chapters of one of those 'fluff' books. But then come use Nielson's for actual study/prep.One small criticism (not even worth a point/star off on review) is that, like ANY and EVERY prep book not directly published under CollegeBoard (i.e., CollegeBoard or Khan Academy) the problems are unofficial. Why is that important? Because the test authors have a *very particular* manner of authoring the problems (and answers) so they fit their standardized mold. (Which, by the way, is why all those practice tests in the 'big fluff' books are nearly worthless and even misleading. It's just more heft to justify the price.) So just be sure that if you use the CollegePanda then (as Nielson also tells you) do the REAL PRACTICE on OFFICIAL (new) SAT tests & practice questions. Don't waste your time on the big publishers. Did their authors repeatedly get perfect scores?

Clear, concise breakdown of skills needed to prepare for SAT. The author gets right to the point, presents clear examples and provides multiple practice questions at the end of each chapter. In addition, there are three practice tests at the end of the book. My son really appreciates the author's clarity and brevity. Highly recommend!

I intially missed around ten questions on average on the writing and language section. After getting this book, however, I've got that number down to around three. Looking through this book and doing the practices really helped prepare me for taking the section in the SAT, and many of the tips came

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