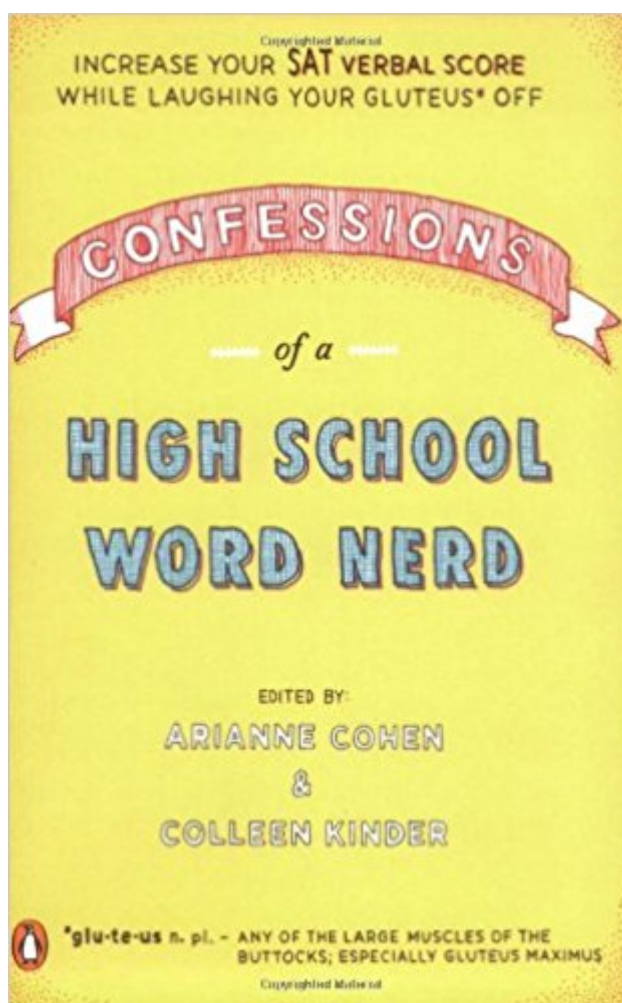


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# Confessions Of A High School Word Nerd: Laugh Your Gluteus\* Off And Increase Your SAT Verbal Score



## Synopsis

Effortlessly acquire an SAT vocabulary through hilarious high school essays Every year, 9 million American students expend large amounts of time and energy preparing for proficiency and entrance exams like the SAT, ACT, PSAT, and SSAT with a heap of vocabulary flash cards and a fat volume of repetitive practice tests. Each one of them, along with their parents and teachers, wishes that there was a less painful way to prepare for test day. There is, and this book is the solution: a collection of ten well-written, entertaining essays by recent college-graduates-turned-writers that honestly and amusingly recount wild, traumatizing, and hilarious high-school events, using common SAT words as a study tool. (\*gluteus: any of the large muscles of the buttocks; esp: gluteus maximus)

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## Customer Reviews

Word Nerd collects personal essays, written by recent Ivy League graduates, that incorporate SAT vocabulary words. The format is easy to follow: words bolded in text are defined at the bottom of each page. Most subjects will speak directly to teens (especially economically advantaged ones)--first kisses, pranks, sports, learning to drive--although the humorous tone and study-guide format sometimes jar against somber notes, such as a parent's cancer. Still, the casual, hilarious voices are sure to delight readers, who will likely find that their vocabularies have indeed grown.

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(I'm 14 and writing this on my mom's account) I took the SAT's in 7th grade, and this was one of my favorite resources for learning words. It has short stories with vocabulary words mixed in, so you can see each word in the context of a story, and it defines each word on the page at the bottom of each page. I would highly recommend this to anyone studying for the SAT's or just looking to learn some vocabulary words in a fun way.

This book is good for what it is, but I would greatly prefer it to be much funnier. It does certainly help with learning the words though.

Ninth grade daughter really likes this book. Fun way to advance your vocabulary.

Was a helpful read and used for studying

My tutee and I only had a week to get ready for the SAT. If we had longer, this might have helped. What would have helped more was LISTENING to books on tape when he was younger and doing simple activities after listening activities and having his teachers read and discuss comprehension/activities to his class. I had him in 5th grade. I was one of the few teachers who read to my class daily. The school district failed him terribly. He did not pass SAT. The school system failed more than he did, but he is being punished for their failure. Sad. (Florida)

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I'm 17 and about to be a senior. This book is one of the best book I have read. It's fun and educational (usually this 2 adjectives doesn't fit together, but this book made it possible). I think I'm very prepared for many vocabs that the ACT or SAT will throw at me. This book had different stories that you can all relate to. From being a diligent kisser to being a ghetto super socca star. It's all

confessions. You think--dang, these are actually kids, and I'm going through the same (some what) thing as they are! And look at where they are now- Yale graduates what now. To be cliché--this book puts the fun in fundamental and enjoyable read that you will laugh your gluteus off!

A good review for SAT's, this was required summer reading for sophomore year. It made learning fun though as the confessions, which included important vocabulary words, were interesting stories to which students could relate. My personal favorite confession was about a girl learning to drive.

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