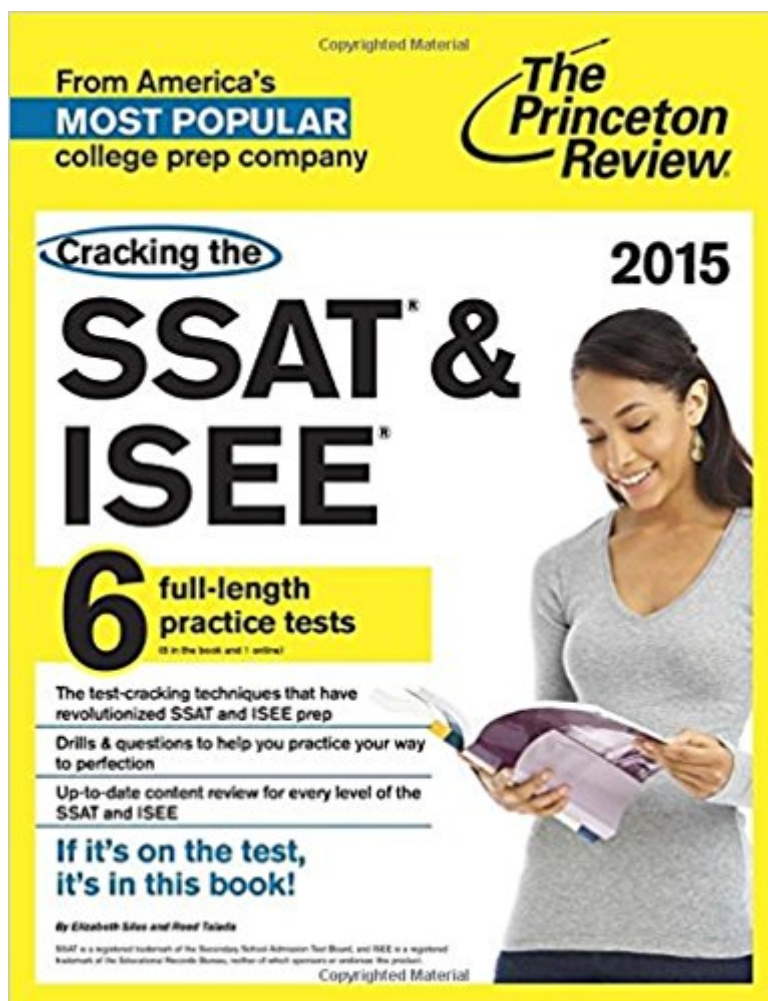


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Why is this book still being published? The SSAT upper level math test contains several mistakes, and although this is definitely a problem, it's a minor issue, since there are only a small amount. I would, however, like to inquire exactly what dictionary was used in the creation of the verbal section (also for the upper level SSAT). According to the answer key, trainable is a much better synonym for the word formidable than powerful. Also, erratic, rather than being synonymous to inconsistent, means amiable. If you haven't purchased this, DON'T! You will only find mistake after mistake throughout the book. If you've already bought it, I would suggest going through and self-grading, since the answer key is obviously unreliable.

After reading many of the reviews online I thought that this would be the right book for me to prepare for the ISEE upper level exam. After making it through the whole book, and taking the test, I was surprised to see that many of the math topics for the upper level test weren't at all mentioned in the text. Additionally, if you get something wrong on the practice tests, it will be very frustrating to find that the book does not explain any of the answers- not even for the practice drills! Overall the book is ok for covering most of the topics on the ISEE, but if your planning on taking the upper level exam, I think you'll find yourself in some unfamiliar territory on the test.

This book shares test taking techniques well. But, as is stated in the description it tries to cover all 3 levels in one book. I've been using this book to study with my son for the lower level of the ISEE. The book attempts to indicate what material is relevant for the lower level, but then sometimes it is

not clear. Additionally, there are discrepancies. For example, it states that percentages are not needed for the lower level, but then when there are practice problems, they will ask percentage questions. It is very confusing to know what he needs to learn and what he doesn't. It would be much more effective if they could create different books for the different levels. Otherwise, it's a good study guide with lots of practice questions.

I first bought this on Kindle in order to follow along with my sister, who is studying with the hard copy, but lives 2,000 miles away from me. Unfortunately, the Kindle version is totally unreadable. So I then bought the hard copy. As I worked through the problems, I found incorrect answers, one after another. Let me qualify myself: Phillips Exeter '02, Michigan '07 (B.S. Electrical Engineering), GWU class of '11 (J.D.). The book also does not explain answers to test questions, so unsupervised young students end up learning the WRONG information. I have never been so disappointed in a product.

I would give this 5 stars for content but the fact there is no glossary or index makes working with this book difficult. I understand they want you to start at the beginning and work your way through, but we have had to add our own tabs to make looking up answer pages and review pages easier. But overall the test prep content is excellent, and my daughter is light years more prepared than she would have been without doing this work book. The book provides step by step review of the math on the test, then shows how the math is tested in the word problems. It has excellent vocabulary lists and the analogy instructions are dead on. It has plenty of practice problems for every topic, in addition the full prep tests. We have found the test taking skills it relates to be the same as the test prep class we are taking, but quite frankly the book is a lot cheaper. I would highly recommend this to any parent who is looking for a good test prep book for the SSAT or ISEE.

There are clearly mistakes in this book. Some were obvious to my daughter which caused her to question the book's credibility as a study guide. At least two math problems were wrong or so poorly stated as to be in doubt. Maybe I could accept this if they published corrections on-line but they don't. The combination of SSAT and ISEE test prep make this appear to be a hefty book. However, the applicable sections are thin and the teaching material, though admittedly clear and concise, is sparse.

I run a tutoring and test prep center in Boston, MA. We specialize in ISEE and SSAT test prep, and

we have been teaching this material for 12 years. Princeton is the only publisher with a 2014 ISEE/SSAT test prep book, but the ISEE sections do not have all the new material (the ISEE test changed in 2010). We have our own lesson plans and we supplement with the Princeton book, but be aware that the book is missing critical topics, especially in the math sections.

This is a pathetic exploitation of the Princeton name. They scored a 92% on their own 7th grade math test, and given that it is the only UL math practice test in the book, they could have shown a little more effort. The frustration and humiliation my child felt in understanding why her answer was wrong was enough, but the company's response did little to reverse that. Or correct me if I'm wrong, 4 to the 3rd power/3 does not equal $-64/27$'s. The other mistake was even more basic. The further implication is the reading comprehension answers are also potentially wrong, as would be the entire value of their sample test books. Time for an FTC investigation.

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