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Disney's High School Musical: Stories from East High #4: Crunch Time

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Reviewer: Larysa Bordner

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young Adult

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Contemporary realistic fiction;

Subject: High school--Juvenile fiction; SAT testing--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Senior year of high school is always a stressful time; the SAT, college applications, and choices on what to study must be seriously considered. As they try to enjoy their last year together in high school, Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, and the rest of the High School Musical cast must find a way to balance academics with extra curricular activities. Gabriella is studying to do her best on the SAT while at the same time tutoring other students. Sharpay is learning to play the part of a "geek" to learn how to study. And Troy, who has always been so sure of what the future holds for him, is having second thoughts about what to do for college and a career. Together, these friends learn that if they work hard they will be successful in whatever they choose to do.

This story is in an easy chapter book format that uses the well known characters of *High School Musical* as its focus. Although *Crunch Time* deals with the SAT and preparing for college, its simple writing and tone are geared toward a younger audience. *Crunch Time* is one of five short chapter books based loosely on the *High School Musical* movies from the Disney Channel.

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