

College Application Guide

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The College Bound Organizer

Draws on interviews with administrators and students to furnish data on three hundred of the country's most prominent colleges.

Who Gets In and Why

The Straight-Talking Student's Guide to the Best Colleges For more than thirty-five years, The Insider's Guide to the Colleges has been the favorite resource of high school students across the country because it is the only comprehensive college reference written and researched by students for students. In interviews with hundreds of peers on campuses from New York to Hawaii and Florida to Alaska, our writers have gotten the inside scoop on every school on topics ranging from professors and campus life to dorms and student activities. This thirty-sixth edition has been completely revised and updated to stay on top of campus trends and attitudes. Each school profile in The Insider's Guide cuts through the veneer of brochures and common stereotypes to reveal colleges as they're seen through the eyes of their students. This comprehensive guide includes: - Revealing profiles of more than 330 top schools in the United States and Canada - Essential statistics for every school, from acceptance rates to the most popular majors - An insider's packing list detailing

what every college student really needs to bring - A college quiz that helps students find the type of school that is right for them - FYI sections with candid student opinions and outrageous advice

The Insider's Guide to the Colleges, 2011

Demystifying the process of completing a college application Written by two former admissions officers at top universities and current admissions coaches, this book is a must-have for preparing a winning college application. The authors reveal the mystery behind what college admissions officers are looking for and show applicants how to leverage their credentials, stand out in the over-crowded applicants' pool, and make a genuine, memorable impression. This is the book that will help the college-bound get off the "like many others" pile and onto the acceptance list. Includes instructions and examples for every component of the college application, from writing the essay to answering questions like "Why do you want to go to College X?" Shows how to avoid underestimating the importance of critical features on any application Includes the latest information on the Common Application 4.0 and corrects outdated, holdover advice still stressed in many other books This book is filled with step-by-step advice that students and parents can use immediately and will refer to again and again.

How to Prepare a Standout College Application

The Truth about College Admission is the practical and inspiring guidebook your family needs, an essential companion along the path to college acceptance.

The College Admissions Officer's Guide

This friendly, helpful Q&A book from the editor-in-chief of The Princeton Review presents simple answers to your toughest questions about the college admissions process, figuring out financial aid, and getting into the university of your choice! As The Princeton Review's chief expert on education, Robert Franek frequently appears on ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX to share his insider expertise on the college admissions process. Each year, he travels to high schools across the country, advising thousands of anxious students and parents on how to turn their college hopes into reality. Now, with College Admission 101, the best of Rob's wisdom has finally been collected in one place! From standardized tests to financial aid, Rob provides straightforward answers to 60+ of the questions he hears most often, including: · Should I take the ACT or SAT? · When should I start my college research? · How many schools should I apply to? · Will applying Early Decision or Early Action give me a leg up? · Which extracurricular activities do colleges want to see? · How does the financial aid process work? · What's more important: GPA or test scores?

College Essay Essentials

A thorough, efficient, and all-encompassing tool to guide students through every step of the college application process. Includes worksheets, checklists, and organization systems to keep track of all test scores and all student materials in addition to giving college search, financial aid, and essay advice.

Escape Essay Hell!

Pre-College To Do List is the go to manual for families who are preparing for the college application and scholarship process. Twelfth grade can be both exciting and stressful for students and parents. However, there's hope! Comprised of advice from college admission advisors, financial aid advisors, high school guidance counselors and my personal experience, this book will help you navigate the college maze! Students and parents will often ask, "Where do I start?" Look no further. This book will guide you through the tedious steps of the college and scholarship process. This will be a trusted resource during your student's high school years. Pre-College To Do List is packed with tips that I personally utilized, when we went through this process with my eldest child. Here we are again, with another child preparing to apply to colleges and scholarships. Exciting times are ahead! These steps have helped hundreds of students prepare outstanding applications, create compelling essays, position themselves competitively for scholarships and develop an exceptional student profile and resume. This is a winning combination, especially with college admissions being a very competitive process and thousands, if not millions of students vying for scholarship dollars. Pre-College To Do List is your step by step guide filled with clear and practical advice to organize every step of this process, from identifying colleges to requesting letters of recommendation to finding scholarships and staying organized. This book will help students: -Identify and categorize prospective colleges that are a good fit -Recognize what admission advisors are looking for and how to stand out from the competition -Develop a compelling essay -Learn where to look for scholarships and who to ask -Create an exceptional student profile and resume -Leverage relationships and secure letters of recommendation -Recognize the importance of community service and how it fits into the overall process -Understand how to efficiently manage the college application and scholarship process -Know what tasks they should complete in grades 9-12 Whether you're stressed and confused or you feel that you've got this process under control, the Pre-College To Do List will serve as your go to guide. Don't stumble through this process alone, let me walk you through the steps!

Fiske Guide to Colleges 2020

College Bound? College Bound Organizer is your step-by-step comprehensive guide to organize every step of the college application process from college search through college admission. College admissions is tougher than ever: Between now

and 2020, about 90 million high schoolers in the U.S. will try to get into college. And, nearly three million students are expected to enroll as first-time freshmen in degree-granting institutions in the United States this school year. Each of these students will apply to many schools — five, 10, perhaps as many as 20 — and each of those applications has a daunting number of T's to cross and I's to dot. With standardized test taking and school visits, the college application essay to write and forms to fill out, there is so much to do. Applying to college is intimidating and overwhelming for both teenagers and parents. "Planning ahead and "getting there first" can do more than help students get into a good college — it can provide them with life skills, a solid education, and lifelong friends." - Business Insider If you intend to be college bound: The challenge is to be well informed, prepared, focused and organized throughout the multi-step college search and admission process. Your solution is The College Bound Organizer, the ultimate guide to help students effectively navigate this very complicated and stressful process. "Using The College Bound Organizer is one way to help you stay focused on what is really important."--Edward B. Fiske, bestselling author of Fiske Guide to Colleges The College Bound Organizer helps students:

- Understand what admission officers are looking for in an applicant
- Prevent common mistakes students make on their applications
- Build a personal profile
- Plan an individualized testing schedule
- Research colleges to identify schools that are a good fit
- Develop a balanced list of schools
- Secure letters of recommendation
- Complete and submit applications accurately and on time
- Develop the college application essay
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
- Ace interviews
- Sort through and manage application results
- Make a final decision

Fiske Guide to Colleges 2011

Offers a step-by-step guide to the college application process with an analysis of the common application, a detailed study of application essays, and a look at common myths and misconceptions about the on-campus interview.

The Applicant: An Insider's Guide to the College Admissions Process

Admissions rates of 6 percent? Kids applying to thirty-two colleges? Sixteen-year-olds with more impressive resumes than Fortune 500 CEOs? Has the nation lost its mind? Why yes, it has! J.D. Rothman, the Neurotic Parent of blog fame, takes readers on a hilarious satiric journey through today's insane college admissions process. The vividly illustrated book takes you from the Itsy-Bitsy Fiske Guide and Junior Kumon Tips for Preschoolers through Rejection Letters from the Heart and Bed Bath & Bye-Bye.

Sterling's College Admission Survival Guide Senior Year

A comprehensive guide for college-bound teens and their parents shares step-by-step coverage of today's competitive

admissions processes based on expert advice by 50 admissions deans from ivy-league universities, in a reference that outlines recommendations for the sophomore, junior and senior grades of high school. Original.

Clear and Simple Guide to Writing Your College Application and Essay

On Writing the College Application Essay

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B+ Grades, A+ College Application

A guide for prospective college students answers questions on such subjects as the academic strengths and weaknesses, the amount of student/faculty contact, and housing and food quality for more than three hundred schools in North America.

The Truth about College Admission

"The best college guide you can buy."--USA Today Every college and university has a story, and no one tells those stories like former New York Times education editor Edward B. Fiske. That's why, for more than 35 years, the Fiske Guide to Colleges has been the leading guide to 320+ four-year schools, including quotes from real students and information you won't find on college websites. Fully updated and expanded every year, Fiske is the most authoritative source of information for college-bound students and their parents. Helpful, honest, and straightforward, the Fiske Guide to Colleges delivers an insider's look at what it's really like to be a student at the "best and most interesting" schools in the United States, plus Canada, Great Britain, and Ireland--so you can find the best fits for you. In addition to detailed and candid

stories on each school, you will find: A self-quiz to help you understand what you are really looking for in a college Lists of strong programs and popular majors at each college "Overlap" listings to help you expand your options Indexes that break down schools by state, price, and average debt Exclusive academic, social, and quality-of-life ratings All the basics, including financial aid stats, SAT/ACT scores, and acceptance rates Plus a special section highlighting the ## public and private Best Buy schools--colleges that provide the best educational value

Complete Guide to College Application Essays

Escape Essay Hell! is a fast-and-easy guide to writing narrative-style essays for college application essays. Janine Robinson, an English teacher and professional writer who has tutored college-bound students on these essays for years, acts as a personal writing coach to guide and cheer students through this dreaded process. College admissions "experts" tell students to "Tell a story," or "Make the essay about you!," or "Be an individual." And this is all correct. But no one ever explains exactly HOW they can do this. Until now. In her motivating guide, Janine takes students through 10 simple steps to find engaging topics and then craft compelling essays using storytelling writing techniques. Students will learn how to identify their unique defining qualities, write engaging mini-stories called anecdotes, and use a powerful Show and Tell writing formula. Escape Essay Hell! can help students write personal statements and respond to prompts for The Common Application, public university, private college, supplemental, graduate school and scholarship essays. By following these informative and inspiring steps, students will escape Essay Hell in no time at all--and have their best shot at landing in their dream school!

Pre-College to Do List

A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF 2020 From award-winning higher education journalist and New York Times bestselling author Jeffrey Selingo comes a revealing look from inside the admissions office—one that identifies surprising strategies that will aid in the college search. Getting into a top-ranked college has never seemed more impossible, with acceptance rates at some elite universities dipping into the single digits. In *Who Gets In and Why*, journalist and higher education expert Jeffrey Selingo dispels entrenched notions of how to compete and win at the admissions game, and reveals that teenagers and parents have much to gain by broadening their notion of what qualifies as a “good college.” Hint: it’s not all about the sticker on the car window. Selingo, who was embedded in three different admissions offices—a selective private university, a leading liberal arts college, and a flagship public campus—closely observed gatekeepers as they made their often agonizing and sometimes life-changing decisions. He also followed select students and their parents, and he traveled around the country meeting with high school counselors, marketers, behind-the-scenes consultants, and college rankers. While many have long believed that admissions is merit-based, rewarding the best students, *Who Gets In*

and Why presents a more complicated truth, showing that “who gets in” is frequently more about the college’s agenda than the applicant. In a world where thousands of equally qualified students vie for a fixed number of spots at elite institutions, admissions officers often make split-second decisions based on a variety of factors—like diversity, money, and, ultimately, whether a student will enroll if accepted. One of the most insightful books ever about “getting in” and what higher education has become, *Who Gets In and Why* not only provides an usually intimate look at how admissions decisions get made, but guides prospective students on how to honestly assess their strengths and match with the schools that will best serve their interests.

Acing the College Application

“The College Solution helps readers look beyond over-hyped admission rankings to discover schools that offer a quality education at affordable prices. Taking the guesswork out of saving and finding money for college, this is a practical and insightful must-have guide for every parent!” —Jaye J. Fenderson, *Seventeen’s* College Columnist and Author, *Seventeen’s Guide to Getting into College* “This book is a must read in an era of rising tuition and falling admission rates. O’Shaughnessy offers good advice with blessed clarity and brevity.” —Jay Mathews, *Washington Post* Education Writer and Columnist “I would recommend any parent of a college-bound student read *The College Solution*.” —Kal Chany, Author, *The Princeton Review’s* *Paying for College Without Going Broke* “The College Solution goes beyond other guidebooks in providing an abundance of information about how to afford college, in addition to how to approach the selection process by putting the student first.” —Martha “Marty” O’Connell, Executive Director, *Colleges That Change Lives* “Lynn O’Shaughnessy always focuses on what’s in the consumer’s best interest, telling families how to save money and avoid making costly mistakes.” —Mark Kantrowitz, Publisher, *FinAid.org* and Author, *FastWeb College Gold* “An antidote to the hype and hysteria about getting in and paying for college! O’Shaughnessy has produced an excellent overview that demystifies the college planning process for students and families.” —Barmak Nassirian, American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers For millions of families, the college planning experience has become extremely stressful. And, unless your child is an elite student in the academic top 1%, most books on the subject won’t help you. Now, however, there’s a college guide for everyone. In *The College Solution*, top personal finance journalist Lynn O’Shaughnessy presents an easy-to-use roadmap to finding the right college program (not just the most hyped) and dramatically reducing the cost of college, too. Forget the rankings! Discover what really matters: the quality and value of the programs your child wants and deserves. O’Shaughnessy uncovers “industry secrets” on how colleges actually parcel out financial aid—and how even “average” students can maximize their share. Learn how to send your kids to expensive private schools for virtually the cost of an in-state public college and how promising students can pay significantly less than the “sticker price” even at the best state universities. No other book offers this much practical guidance on choosing a college and no other book will save you as much money!

- Secrets your school’s guidance counselor doesn’t know yet
- The surprising ways colleges have changed how

they do business • Get every dime of financial aid that's out there for you Be a "fly on the wall" inside the college financial aid office • U.S. News & World Report: clueless about your child Beyond one-size-fits-all rankings: finding the right program for your teenager • The best bargains in higher education Overlooked academic choices that just might be perfect for you

The Neurotic Parent's Guide to College Admissions

Offers tips on how to write meaningful essays for college admission applications. Includes sample essays.

The Thinking Parent's Guide to College Admissions

YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER! In a year when COVID-19 has upended traditional application criteria, writing a winning personal application statement has become even more critical to admissions success. This user-friendly guide gives struggling students the step-by-step help they need to write an essay that compels. As confirmed by college admissions officers in articles in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and other major news sites, now that the SAT/ACT are often optional, many grades are pass/fail, and the opportunities for extracurriculars have vanished, you NEED to ace your essay in order to stand out as an applicant. This book takes you from blank page to submitted application with step-by-step guidance on the most effective ways to complete this daunting process! We've packed these pages with practical exercises and annotated samples that model good and bad techniques, and included tips from real admissions officers. This complete guide provides:

- A firsthand look into different review processes, plus editing guidelines to help you think like an essay reader
- Step-by-step methods for breaking down a prompt
- Brainstorming techniques to help you find the right story to share
- Tried-and-true advice to get you outlining and drafting your essay with confidence
- Annotated essays to demonstrate writing dos and don'ts
- Guidance on additional written content (like short answer questions and resumes) for a completely polished application

Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be

Get Accepted! is the definitive guide to getting accepted at the college or university that's right for you. It explains how four great years in high school is the way, and how you achieve that. It provides specific ways to make your high school years a time of exploration and discovery, to take on challenges, to overcome obstacles, to form goals, and to work toward achieving them. It provides specific ways to define, and to pursue, what interests you, to develop your aptitudes, and to prioritize what is important to you. It reveals a secret hidden in plain sight: By fulfilling your potential, becoming who you can be, and achieving what you have in you to accomplish, while still having a good time, you make yourself the desirable applicant colleges want. Get Accepted! tells you, very precisely, what college and university admissions departments look

for in an applicant they admit, and exactly how you can show them that you have everything they're looking for. You will learn that there's no luck involved. Acceptance to the college or university that's right for you is in your control. Get Accepted! lays out everything you need to know, with complete honesty, just the way you want it presented.

College Admission 101

Colleges Worth Your Money: A Guide to What America's Top Schools Can Do for You is an invaluable guide for students making the crucial decision of where to attend college when our thinking about higher education is radically changing. At a time when costs are soaring and competition for admission is higher than ever, the college-bound need to know how prospective schools will benefit them both as students and after graduation. Colleges Worth Your Money provides the most up-to-date, accurate, and comprehensive information for gauging the ROI of America's top schools, including: In-depth profiles of 150 of the top colleges and universities across the U.S.; Over 75 key statistics about each school that cover unique admissions-related data points such as gender-specific acceptance rates, early decision acceptance rates, and five-year admissions trends at each college. The solid facts on career outcomes, including the school's connections with recruiters, the rate of employment post-graduation, where students land internships, the companies most likely to hire students from a particular school, and much more. Data and commentary on each college's merit and need-based aid awards, average student debt, and starting salary outcomes.

Getting In

Does the college application process overwhelm you? Are you unsure about the topic for your main essay or what part of your experience is most compelling? How about which school is the right fit, or how you are going to pay for college? Imagine following eleven students' journeys in-depth, getting into their heads when they made a decision about which extracurricular activities to pursue, which schools to apply to, and which topics to choose for their main essay and supplemental essays. Imagine having a tool that will help you think about your own process in a more strategic way. Surviving the College Application Process: Case Studies to Help You Find Your Unique Angle for Success utilizes the College Application Wheel to showcase the successful journeys of eleven different students. You can read all the case studies or just those that resonate with your own circumstances. With the strategies outlined in this book, you will be well on your way to Surviving the College Application Process.

The Insider's Guide to the Colleges, 2008

Sterling's College Admission Survival Guide is the college and university guide for understanding the entire college

admission process.

The Ultimate College Application Guide

A good college application essay takes admissions officers beyond the numbers and shows them who you are, what you care about, and how you think. With this simple guide to the craft of personal statement and application essays, your task will be simple.

The College Bound Organizer

Get an edge on the competitive world of college admissions with The Ultimate College Application Guide. Stay organized with 438 pages of useful tips, tricks, and checklists to complete your college applications from start to finish. Work smarter and read more acceptance letters. Attend to every detail with 32 checklists keeping everything in one place with this grab and go guide. Prepare for your standardized exams with a step-by-step study plan. Use 17 customizable priorities to develop your college application list. Get more from your college visits with a detailed agenda, packing tips, and follow-up emails. Track your application submissions with a 30-point checklist and follow detailed timelines for scholarship applications and financial aid documents. The Ultimate College Application Guide allows you to track requirements and deadlines with 37 ledgers and develop timelines with 11 calendars. Compare college acceptances with a detailed cost analysis and priority evaluation. Create a pre-college summer agenda including orientation, class schedule, and moving day. Purchase college supplies using a six-page list with over 150 useful items. From exams to moving day, this is the ultimate guide. For more information visit our website at www.collegepencil.com.

Brody's Guide to the College Admissions Essay

A guide to the application essay-writing process includes and discusses seven successful admissions essays.

The Best 385 Colleges, 2020 Edition

A revised and updated edition of the hottest college guidebook, a perennial favorite of the national media! NO ONE KNOWS COLLEGES LIKE THE PRINCETON REVIEW! The Princeton Review's college rankings started in 1992 with surveys from 30,000 students. Over 25 years and more than a million student surveys later, we stand by our claim that there is no single "best" college, only the best college for you ... and that this is the book that will help you find it! STRAIGHT FROM STUDENTS TO YOU · 385 in-depth school profiles based on candid feedback from 140,000 students, covering academics, administration,

campus life, and financial aid · Insights on unique college character, social scene, and more RANKING LISTS & RATINGS SCORES · Lists of the top 20 colleges in 62 categories based on students' opinions of academics, campus life, facilities, and much more · Ratings for every school on Financial Aid, Selectivity, and Quality of Life DETAILED ADMISSIONS INFORMATION · The "Inside Word" on competitive applications, test scores, tuition, and average indebtedness · Comprehensive information on selectivity, freshman profiles, and application deadlines at each school Plus! Free access to 2 full-length practice tests online (1 SAT and 1 ACT) to help you prep for the important admissions-exams part of your admissions journey.

The College Application Essay, see 9781457300240

Writing an amazing college admission essay is easier than you think! So you're a high school senior given the task of writing a 650-word personal statement for your college application. Do you tell the story of your life, or a story from your life? Do you choose a single moment? If so, which one? The options seem endless. Lucky for you, they're not. College counselor Ethan Sawyer (aka The College Essay Guy) will show you that there are only four (really, four!) types of college admission essays. And all you have to do to figure out which type is best for you is answer two simple questions: 1. Have you experienced significant challenges in your life? 2. Do you know what you want to be or do in the future? With these questions providing the building blocks for your essay, Sawyer guides you through the rest of the process, from choosing a structure to revising your essay, and answers the big questions that have probably been keeping you up at night: How do I brag in a way that doesn't sound like bragging? and How do I make my essay, like, deep? Packed with tips, tricks, exercises, and sample essays from real students who got into their dream schools, College Essay Essentials is the only college essay guide to make this complicated process logical, simple, and (dare we say it?) a little bit fun.

The College Application Essay, 6th Ed.

Today's college admission applications involve writing more than just one essay. The various required paragraphs and statements demand skill and finesse. Writing Successful College Applications offers vital tips and step-by-step expert advice to help students create outstanding essays to succeed in all aspects of their college applications. This new book offers proven strategies to help students craft a successful essay or personal statement, with tips and insights to guide them through the writing process. There are over 50 sample personal statements from successful students plus bonus information on how to write strong activity and academic paragraphs as well as the "Why This School" paragraph-essential pieces of college applications that should not be overlooked. Interviews with Deans of Admission offer valuable information on what colleges are really looking for in an admission essay.

Colleges Worth Your Money

"This alternative college admissions guide gives non-straight-A students advice on how to identify, gain admittance to, and pay for the schools that will allow them to flourish"--Provided by publisher.

Get Accepted!

The author's advice and insights have helped tens of thousands of students write distinctive college application essays. Now her new book gives you the benefit of her expertise. With this guide, you can make your college application stand out from all the rest by creating unique and memorable essays that reveal you in your best light.

Write Successful College Applications: It's More Than Just the Essay!

This popular guide helps students write essays that win admission. Winning college application essays take admission officers beyond the numbers and shows them what the students really care about, how they think, and who they really are. But even the best of students can be daunted by the task. This easy-to-follow guide provides the tools to tell a memorable story. Updated to reflect recent changes to the all-important Common Application, which nearly all applicants to competitive colleges use, this book provides a clear path to an essay that says, "Pick me!" Features: -Best approaches to the new Common Application questions -Clues to how colleges read essays -Simple steps for successful drafts -Revision strategies -Quick fixes for procrastinators -The right role of parents in the process Critiques of actual sample essays guide students toward the best practices and away from common mistakes. No other book on this topic has this breadth and depth of expertise.

The Gatekeepers

Read award-winning journalist Frank Bruni's New York Times bestseller: an inspiring manifesto about everything wrong with today's frenzied college admissions process and how to make the most of your college years. Over the last few decades, Americans have turned college admissions into a terrifying and occasionally devastating process, preceded by test prep, tutors, all sorts of stratagems, all kinds of rankings, and a conviction among too many young people that their futures will be determined and their worth established by which schools say yes and which say no. In *Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be*, Frank Bruni explains why this mindset is wrong, giving students and their parents a new perspective on this brutal, deeply flawed competition and a path out of the anxiety that it provokes. Bruni, a bestselling author and a columnist for the New York Times, shows that the Ivy League has no monopoly on corner offices, governors' mansions, or the most

prestigious academic and scientific grants. Through statistics, surveys, and the stories of hugely successful people, he demonstrates that many kinds of colleges serve as ideal springboards. And he illuminates how to make the most of them. What matters in the end are students' efforts in and out of the classroom, not the name on their diploma. Where you go isn't who you'll be. Americans need to hear that--and this indispensable manifesto says it with eloquence and respect for the real promise of higher education.

Surviving the College Application Process

From the college admissions experts—where to go, how to get in, and how to pay for it Zinch.com is the largest online social network connecting students with colleges and scholarship opportunities. With 2.5 million student profiles and more than 800 universities—from Yale to Stanford, and American University to community colleges—Zinch offers students an efficient, relevant, and effective way to find the "right- fit" school, how to get in, and how to pay for it. Getting In: The Zinch Guide to College Admissions & Financial Aid in the Digital Age is your college admissions how-to guide, written by experts with insider guidance to the entire college admission process. Leveraging the power of Zinch.com, it covers every aspect of the college application process, from choosing the right (vs.best) schools, visiting campuses, improving your odds with a dynamic application strategy, meeting with a college advisor, working with athletic recruiting, applying for financial aid, knowing what to do if you are on a wait list, and much more. Incredibly well-connected authors Leverages the power of Zinch.com, the largest online social network of its kind Application do's and don'ts If you are one of the 2.2 million high school seniors ready to embark on the next step in your education, Getting In: The Zinch Guide to College Admissions & Financial Aid in the Digital Age is your go-to guide for getting into the college of your dreams—without ever breaking a sweat.

The Insider's Guide to the Colleges, 2010

Write Out Loud: Use the Story To College Method, Write Great Application Essays, and Get into Your Top Choice College

In the fall of 1999, New York Times education reporter Jacques Steinberg was given an unprecedented opportunity to observe the admissions process at prestigious Wesleyan University. Over the course of nearly a year, Steinberg accompanied admissions officer Ralph Figueroa on a tour to assess and recruit the most promising students in the country. The Gatekeepers follows a diverse group of prospective students as they compete for places in the nation's most elite colleges. The first book to reveal the college admission process in such behind-the-scenes detail, The Gatekeepers will be

required reading for every parent of a high school-age child and for every student facing the arduous and anxious task of applying to college. "[The Gatekeepers] provides the deep insight that is missing from the myriad how-to books on admissions that try to identify the formula for getting into the best collegesI really didn't want the book to end." —The New York Times

College Admission

The College Application Essay

Furnishes a guide on how to negotiate the college admissions process, offering advice, tools, and procedures that cover everything from the college application timetable to writing an effective application essay.

The College Solution

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