

HUNTER'S ABRIDGED COLLEGE REFERENCE BOOK BIBLIOGRAPHY

Excerpted from 14-page annotated bibliography of recommended college reference books

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS "AGENDA SETTER" BOOKS

The College Admissions Mystique, Bill Mayher, Noonday Press, New York, NY, 1998. Great advice and perspective from respected college counselor, retired from high-pressure Northeast prep schools.

Harvard Schmarvard: Getting Beyond the Ivy League to the College That is Best for You, Jay Mathews, Prima Publishing, New York, NY, 2003. Great new book by Washington Post writer, Harvard grad.

Looking Beyond the Ivy League: Finding the College That's Right for You, Loren Pope, Penguin Books, New York, NY, 1995. Sage consultant offers his wisdom in updated second edition. Don't miss 20 Myths.

COMPREHENSIVE, OBJECTIVE COLLEGE "PHONE BOOKS"

Barron's Profiles of American Colleges, Barron's Educational Series, Hauppauge, NY, 2002. CD-ROM included in 25th edition. Index of majors, college admission selector, published every other year.

The College Handbook, College Board, New York, NY, 2003. 3600+ two-year and four-year colleges, indexes by size, type, religion, sports, early plans. Great introduction, CD-ROM included, annual.

Competitive Colleges: Explore 401 U.S. and Canadian Colleges for High Achieving Students, Thomson Peterson's, Lawrenceville, NJ, 2003. Brief profiles, good overview of admission process, no ads.

Complete Book of Colleges, Princeton Review Publishing, New York, NY, 2003. Factual descriptions of nearly 1700 four-year colleges, popular Admissions Wizard feature, some Peterson's-style ads.

NARRATIVE, SUBJECTIVE COLLEGE GUIDEBOOKS

Barron's Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges, Barron's Educational Series, Hauppauge, NY, 2003. New third edition includes lengthy, meaty profiles, each ten pages or longer, of more than 50 institutions.

Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even If You're Not a Straight-A Student, Loren Pope, Penguin Books, New York, NY, 2000. Required Reading preface is must reading! Revised 2nd edition adds Agnes Scott, Ursinus, Wabash, drops Bard, Franklin & Marshall, Grinnell.

Cool Colleges for the Hyper-Intelligent, Self-Directed, Late Blooming, and Just Plain Different, Donald Asher, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, CA, 2000. Great book of "schools where you'll be challenged and inspired" includes narrative profiles of 30+ distinctive colleges, brief paragraphs on many more.

The Fiske Guide to Colleges, Edward Fiske, Sourcebooks, Naperville, IL, 2003. Most widely respected and accepted book in growing category began life two decades ago as controversial *NY Times Guide*, larger book from new publisher profiles more than 300 colleges, includes Best Buys, great advice.

The Hidden Ivies: Thirty Colleges of Excellence, Howard Greene and Matthew Greene, Greenes' Guides, Cliff Street Books, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY, 2000. Father-son consultant team.

The Insider's Guide to the Colleges, Yale Daily News staff, St. Martin's Griffin, New York, NY, 2003. Written by students, excellent "College Spectrum" introduction. Breezy, upbeat tone, good Fiske complement.

100 Colleges Where Average Students Can Excel, Joe Anne Adler, Arco, Macmillan, New York, NY, 1997. Average defined as C grades, 950-1050 SAT or comparable ACT. Two-page profiles, great resource.

The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges, Trent Anderson and Seppy Basili, Kaplan, Simon & Schuster, New York, NY, 2003. Clever icons and sidebars, plus several indexes.

PRELIMINARY COLLEGE LIST-BUILDER BOOKS

The College Finder: Choosing the School That's Right for You, Steven Antonoff, Fawcett Columbine Book, Ballantine Books, New York, NY, 1999. Recently updated book of lists in ten category groupings.

Index of Majors and Graduate Degrees, College Board, New York, NY, 2003. Very popular resource, but carefully watch the C,A,B,M,D abbreviations after each college. Brief major descriptions included.

Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges, Frederick E. Rugg, Rugg's Recommendations, Fallbrook, CA, 2003. Great brainstormer, grouped alphabetically by major, 20th edition from former counselor.

"STRATEGY BOOKS" FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You! Steven R. Antonoff and Marie A. Friedemann, Octameron Associates, Alexandria, VA, 2001. Excellent booklet, great tone and advice.

College Planning for Dummies: A Reference for the Rest of Us! Pat Ordovensky, IDG Books Worldwide, Foster City, CA, 1999. Poor title, but great icons, cartoons. Late author was USA Today writer.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to College Planning, O'Neal Turner, Alpha Books, Macmillan USA, Indianapolis, IN, 1999. Recently updated and revised edition from respected Culver dean very helpful if bad title.

The Fiske Guide to Getting Into the Right College, Edward B. Fiske and Bruce G. Hammond, Sourcebooks, Naperville, IL, 2002. Includes capsules of colleges grouped with peers, several Rugg's-like college lists, brief annotated bibliography. Excellent advice throughout, new second edition with new title.

How to Get Into the Top Colleges, Richard Montauk and Krista Klein, Prentice Hall Press, Paramus, NJ, 2000. Very comprehensive new resource runs 600+ pages, helpful chapter on British U. admission.

CAMPUS VISIT, COLLEGE INTERVIEW BOOKS

Campus Visits and College Interviews, Zola Dincin Schneider, College Board, New York, NY, 2002. New second edition includes checklists, tips on reading websites and catalogs, many good questions.

Campus Pursuit: How to Make the Most of the College Visit and Interview, G. Gary Ripple, Octameron Associates, Alexandria, VA, 2001. Excellent resource from former Lafayette, William & Mary dean.

Guide to College Visits, Peterson's Thomson Learning, Lawrenceville, NJ, 2001. Much improved third edition presents campus visit information on 800+ including quick facts, travel, airports, lodging, etc.

Visiting College Campuses, Janet Spencer and Sandra Maleson, Princeton Review, Random House, New York, NY, 2001. Good planner with detailed maps, mileage, directions, B & B ideas for 249 schools.

COLLEGE ESSAY AND APPLICATION BOOKS

College Applications and Essays, Susan D. Van Raalte, Arco Thomson Learning, Lawrenceville, NJ, 2001. Fifth edition includes Understanding the Questions, Recycling Essays, plus Electronic Applications.

College Admission Essays for Dummies, Geraldine Woods, Wiley Publishing, New York, NY, 2003. Very comprehensive resource from teacher and Dummies grammar author has 22 chapters, good advice.

Do It Write: How to Prepare a Great College Application, G. Gary Ripple, Octameron Associates, Alexandria, VA, 2001. Excellent compact booklet just 64 pages. Ninth edition, best buy under \$10.

The College Application Essay, Sarah Myers McGinty, College Board, New York, NY, 1997. Excellent book includes detailed analysis of 11 essays, 50 sample questions, insightful comments, six writing steps.

HOW COLLEGES ADMIT STUDENTS, "WHO GETS IN" BOOKS

Behind the Scenes: An Inside Look at the Selective College Admission Process, Edward B. Wall, Octameron Associates, Alexandria, VA, 2000. Venerable resource from former Amherst dean.

The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College, Jacques Steinberg, Viking, Penguin Putnam, New York, NY, 2002. Award-winning NY Times education reporter shadows Wesleyan University admission officer and several students applying to Wesleyan for a full admission year.

Opening College Doors: How to Make the Admissions Process Work for You, Pat Ordovensky and Robert Thornton, USA Today, Harper Perennial, New York, NY, 1992. Now-dated case-by-case review of five fictitious college applications can be an admissions "case study" program ready to go for groups.

Playing the Selective College Admissions Game, Richard Moll, Penguin Books, New York, NY, 1994. Updated edition of classic work first published in 1979. First chapter depicts committee at work.

Questions and Admissions: Reflections on 100,000 Admissions Decisions at Stanford, Jean H. Fetter, Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA, 1995. Eloquent retrospective from widely respected former Stanford dean of undergraduate admission, very instructive regarding all the "most selectives."

INTERNET, WORLD WIDE WEB RESOURCE BOOKS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

College.Edu: On-Line Resources for the Cyber-Savvy, Lisa Guernsey, Octameron Associates, Alexandria, VA, 2002. Cleverly noted as Version 6.0. Very comprehensive, just 160 pages, best buy at \$9.

How to Get Into the School of Your Dreams Using the Internet and Online Services, Michael Wolff, Wolff New Media, New York, NY, 1996. Great introduction, helpful resource, first book in new category.

The Internet Guide for College Bound Students, Kenneth E. Hartmann, College Board Publications, New York, NY, 1998. Excellent resource from former College Board technology guru, second edition.

Researching Colleges on the World Wide Web, Kerry Cochrane, Franklin Watts, Grolier Publishing, Danbury, CT, 1997. Loyola University of Chicago reference librarian, many sample web pages.

PARENTS GUIDEBOOKS TO COLLEGE ADMISSION

College Admissions: A Crash Course for Panicked Parents, Sally Rubenstone and Sidonia Dalby, Arco Book, Macmillan, New York, NY, 1998. Excellent resource, revised edition from Smith College team.

The College Guide for Parents, Charles J. Shields, College Board, New York, NY, 1994. Informative but now-dated resource from retired Chicago area public school counselor includes Phi Beta Kappa list.

50 College Admission Directors Speak to Parents, Sandra F. MacGowan and Sarah M. McGinty, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York, NY, 1988. Not updated since, many have moved, but still great advice.

Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years, Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger, Adler & Adler Publishers, Bethesda, MD, 2003. Newly revised and updated fourth edition. First half discusses what to expect, second half covers adjustment. Excellent, must reading.

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