



College Counseling Reading Recommendations

College Search Process

Colleges That Change Lives, by Loren Pope. Penguin Books, 2006.

(www.ctcl.org) A wonderful source for students looking for less selective, but academically strong, excellent teaching liberal arts colleges. Each college is given a comprehensive review of 6-10 pages. These schools have tremendous reputations and are very successful in developing students into scholars and preparing them for graduate schools and careers.

Fiske Guide To Colleges, by Edward B. Fiske. Sourcebooks, *A large, annual, clearly written and organized, useful directory of the more selective schools (top 300-400). This book has many lists and lots of useful advice and information. The write-ups on schools are practical but also include a bit of the personality of the schools.*

Fiske Guide to Getting Into the Right College, by Edward B. Fiske and Bruce G. Hammond. Sourcebooks. (Fourth Edition, 2010) *This is a terrific guide to choosing schools to apply to and, eventually, to enroll in. Good resource to tell you about schools, help you decide what you are looking for, and guide you through the application process.*

The Other College Guide: A Road Map to the Right School for You, by Jane Sweetland, Paul Glastris, and the Staff of the *Washington Monthly*, 2015. *This book does a good job of stepping you through the college search process: defining your criteria for a good fit school and providing lots of information about college costs and value. It has “Best-bang-for-the-buck” ranked lists of colleges by region, a list of “Affordable Elites,” “Best-bang-for-the-buck HBCUs, and Best Community Colleges.*

Peterson’s Four-Year Colleges, published by Peterson’s. *A vast tome covering 2500 Four-Year colleges in the US! The beginning has good advice about the college admissions process and many lists of schools. The College Profiles are detailed, informative, but terse and not descriptive. The section of College Close-Ups provides more comprehensive descriptions of some schools.*

Transition to College

Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years, by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger, Harper, 2009. *Provides insight into the developing young adult mind and the critical process of separation from family and formation of identity that seniors and college students go through. This book gives support and guidance to parents as their children go through this process from the senior year through the college years.*

Making the Most of College: Students Speak Their Minds, by Richard Light, Harvard University Press, 2001. *Academy at the Lakes has had their rising seniors read this book for the last several years. This is a book about how to be successful in college. The suggestions, advice and strategies are solid and specific enough to be useful. It has in-depth explanations of how these strategies help and powerful anecdotes that will inspire.*

The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into in College, by Harlan Cohen, Sourcebooks, 2013. *This up-to-date, light-hearted, but thorough approach to all the important issues, large and small, is full of specific, practical advice on roommates and dorm life, involvement in clubs, Greek life, dating, sex, alcohol and drugs, money, and health as well as tips for success in the classroom.*

There is Life After College: What Parents and Students Should Know About Navigating School to Prepare for the Jobs of Tomorrow, by Jeffrey Selingo, HarperCollins, 2016. *This book does an excellent job of explaining how best to prepare for a career during your college years. Selingo has good insights on the job market for young college graduates and good advice on how to take advantage of the opportunities in order to build your resume from day one of college. An important read for college-goers and their parents.*