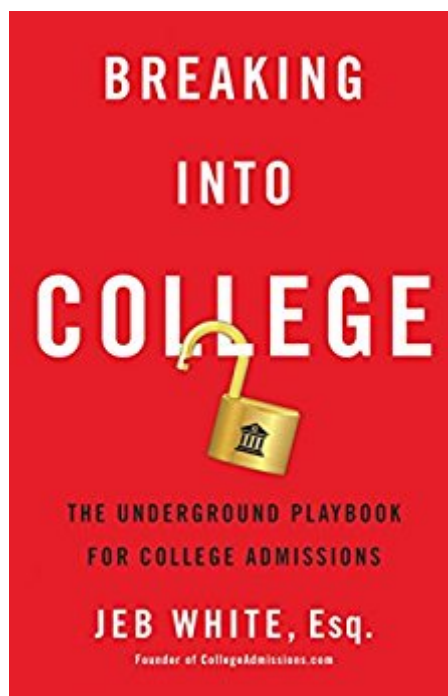




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As a high school teacher, my students are constantly being asked BIG life questions, at the ripe age of 15: "where are you applying," "what do you want to do," "did you get in?" Often, they try to navigate the choppy waters of the college admissions process, which can be difficult even the adults trying to help them. Along comes this book as a lighthouse beacon to help students, their

families, and even secondary school staff. This book is a gem. It has an easy reading style, in which the author describes his humble beginnings, how his growth mindset has gotten him where he is today, and provides a step-by-step process of how to navigate through the arduous process of college admissions. The author sets a positive tone for the reader and helps guide students to realize that their dreams are achievable. I would absolutely recommend this to students, parents and people that are involved with young people in an advisory role. This book has certainly found a place on my bookshelf in my classroom and I will be sharing it to all of my students.

This book is a product of passion and experience. The author lays out a "case" for getting into college, using key insight, experience, and story. This is not a boring how-to book, but a passionate case of a skilled persuader to help working class families get into college. His writing is engaging and instructive. Each chapter is structured along the lines of a case, as his vocation is a lawyer. This structure translates well to the college experience because a College Admissions Board is very similar to a jury of peers. The author has also robust experience in helping students in families through the process, which gives color and feet to the chapters. Above all, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, and parents and teachers will find helpful things in it as well that translate to other areas of life. I would not only highly recommend this to 13-18 year old students, but also to others seeking a second career or going back to school and feel like they are out of the game.

You can tell how much the author cares about helping students apply and get accepted to the right college. As someone who had all the "hooks" and felt the pressures discussed in the book, I got a unique perspective into what other students have to go through. I've worked with children to help them save for college, but this shows that first the student must work to find the right place and get in. The rest will follow. I hope this book helps our future collegiates find the perfect match and get true insight into themselves along their journey.

As someone who has worked in high school education for 20 years, I think this book will be a real asset to any student looking to apply to competitive colleges. The author does a wonderful job framing the college application process in a way that is easy to understand and gives practical and manageable tips for all potential applicants. While it can be helpful to all applicants, it will be invaluable for those with limited access to quality college guidance and advice. I was especially impressed that the book does not let students off the hook in the college application process. This book doesn't claim to provide any shortcuts around the process nor does try to teach students how

to game the system. What it does exceptionally well is provide an understandable framework for managing the college application process and then gives students real, practical advice on how to maximize their opportunities within that process. The advice it gives is accessible to any student, regardless of his or her socioeconomic situation. "Breaking Into College" demystifies the college application process for students and empowers them to take ownership of their own future. It provides a map for motivated high school students of the best route from where they are now to where they want to go. I strongly recommend this book for any high school student and the people who work with them. In fact, the framework set forth by the author can be successfully applied by anyone applying for a position in a competitive field (grad school, job seekers, etc).

For many, just thinking about college admissions can be stressful - this book speaks to students who experience this across the spectrum. Whether you're the first in your family to head out, don't know how to access resources to guide your selection / application process or simply need some additional help framing your decision making, this book has tips for you. Throughout the book is clear that the author relates to, empathizes with and is genuinely rooting for the reader to achieve his or her goals of getting into college. What's more is that the book provides a healthy dose of encouragement, realism and optimism and its central tenant is clear- the more you know and the better you prepare, the greater your chances of success. As a former college academic advisor I strongly recommend this book for any high school student who is considering his or her next step. The framework set forth by the author provides students with the information and resources to reflect on which college is the best fit and how to chart a course toward achieving his or her goals.

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