

Recommended College Prep Books

from Cindy Muchnick, MA Educational Consultant

High School:

- Gottesman, Greg. *The High School Survival Guide* and also his book *College Survival*
- Peterson's. *The Ultimate High School Survival Guide*
- Muchnick, Justin. *The Boarding School Survival Guide*
- Riera, Michael. *Surviving High School*

The Admissions Process:

- Steinberg, Jacques. *The Gatekeepers*. A look at the admissions process from the inside of Wesleyan University by *New York Times* educational reporter
- Fetter, Jean. *Questions and Admissions: Reflections on 100,000 Admissions Decisions at Stanford*. Former Dean explores admission and shared insights from the inside.
- *College Admissions: A Crash Course for Panicked Parents*
- *Colleges Unranked* -- consists of essays by professionals in college counseling, several sections of Editor's Stories, a Summary and Discussion, and Recommendations.
- *Panicked Parents Guide to College Admissions*
- *College Rankings Exposed*
- Springer, Reider, Franck. *Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College*

Competitive Colleges:

- Fiske, Edward B., *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* (annually updated)
- Greene, Howard and Matthew Greene, *The Hidden Ivies: Thirty Colleges of Excellence* (2000)
- *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*
- Montauk, Richard and Krista Klein, *How to Get Into the Top Colleges* (2000)
- *Barron's Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges*
- *Competitive Colleges 2005*

Alternative, not as well known, or less competitive colleges:

- Mathews, Jay, *Harvard Schmarvard: Getting Beyond the Ivy League to the College That Is Best For You* (2003)
- Pope, Loren, *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Colleges You Should Know About Even If You're Not a Straight-A Student* (2000)
- Pope, Loren, *Looking Beyond the Ivy League: Finding the College That Is Right For You* (1995)

- Greene, *The Hidden Ivies*

College Visits:

- Spencer, Janet and Sandra Maleson, *Visiting College Campuses* (2001)
- Schneider. *Campus Visits College Interviews*

The Essay

- Muchnick, Cynthia. *Writing Successful College Applications: It's More Than Just the Essay*
- Muchnick & Stewart; *The Best College Admission Essays*
- Hernandez, *Acing the College Application* (essay chapter)

Summers and Scholarships:

- *Summer Opportunities for Kids and Teens*
- *Summer Study Abroad*
- *Yale Daily News Guide to Summer Programs*
- *Scholarship Almanac*
- *Scholarship Grants and Prizes*

Recommended readings for LD and ADHD Students:

- *The New K & W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities*, Princeton Review
- *The College Sourcebook, For Students with Learning and Developmental Differences* by Midge Lipkin
- *Counseling Secondary Students with Learning Disabilities*, by Michael Koehler

SAT PREP

- *Rock the SAT*, by Michael Moshan

Transition to College for Parents (read after high school graduation)

- *The Launching Years*, by Laura Kasner and Jennifer Wyatt
- *You're On Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years*, by Marjorie Savage