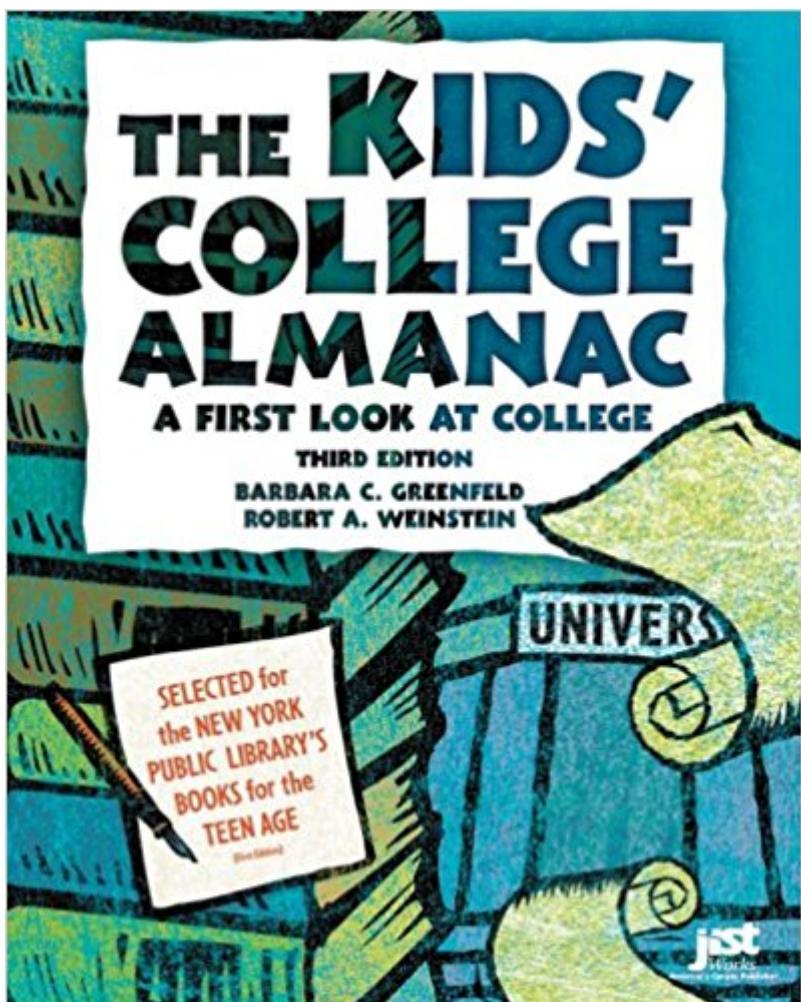


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# The Kids' College Almanac: A First Look At College (Kids' College Almanac: First Look At College)



## **Synopsis**

A fun and interesting way for middle schoolers to get their first information about college as a worthwhile, achievable goal.

## **Book Information**

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Colleges of every type -- from barber colleges to major research universities -- lie at the center of our society's life. They are places of great fun, seriousness, and success. This superb book makes plain to middle schoolers that in a few short years they too will be able to be on campus. "The First Look at College" performs the neat trick of taking the mystery out of going to college while making the prospect even more exciting. Yet, the almanac is not another example of denying our youngsters their childhood, like entrance exams for kindergarten. Instead, by writing directly to the kids and not writing down to them, Greenfeld shows that 14-year-olds in almost every circumstance and from every background ought to be planning for some learning after high school graduation. Organized in page-size chunks, the book steps readers through thinking about careers and showing the panoply of colleges available and then unpacking the application process. Financial aid, sports, fraternities and sororities, study tips, and a neat list of college urls all get their due. A busy junior high counselor who has a shelf of these books can perform some valuable intervention simply by pressing the "Kids' College Almanac" into student hands.

The Kids' College Almanac is an outstanding and essential resource for any child thinking about college and his/her parents. As the mother of children in both middle and high school, I found that this book covered every imaginable topic related to college decision-making that my children and I need to know. From discussing how to select what colleges to apply to and what is involved in the application process to explaining how to pay for college costs and what to expect once classes begin, this book provides important information to the college-bound student in a clear and easily-read format. My children and I have also enjoyed reading the interesting charts and tables and notable facts scattered throughout the book. I especially like the fact that the book can be opened at any page and enjoyed. I also appreciate the very positive and motivating tone that the authors use throughout the book, which makes any reader feel that if they want to go to college, they can!

This terrific book is a great resource for parents, too! Even though my husband and I both went to college, so much has changed. This book provides a wonderful overview in a very engaging format. It greatly simplifies what is otherwise daunting. The authors were very clever in their choice of format - it really is designed just the way most kids will initially use it; all the interesting facts do capture their interest and their parents, too. It's one of those books that anyone who's been through the college application process - whether parent or student - has to pick up and say, "I wished I had that back then!"

Even though I won't be attending college until the year 2003 this book tells me a lot of things I need to know or should know before going to college. There were some things about college that I didn't know until reading this book!

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