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# Been There, Should've Done That: 995 Tips For Making The Most Of College



## Synopsis

In this unintimidating, pocket-sized book, students from colleges across the U.S. share their "hot tips" and solid strategies for success. Their revelations - and confessions - provide a "tell it like it is" manual that will help new collegians, as well as veterans avoid the pitfalls of campus life and maximize the countless resources. Data confirms that retention of college students is based on their success in and out of the classroom. This savvy, easy-reader reveals the academic and lifestyle management skills necessary for that success.

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## Customer Reviews

Suzette Tyler is a former academic adviser at Michigan State University where she counseled students during their critical freshmen and sophomore years as they were adjusting to the academic and social demands of college. Through her countless conversations with these students, and often during the heartfelt self-revelations of probation conferences, it became clear that some of the best advice ever comes from the students themselves. With that, Ms. Tyler began interviewing students from colleges throughout the country, as well as talking with instructors, professors and admissions officers from a variety of institutions. Based on these interviews, Mrs. Tyler produced "Been There, Should've Done That - 995 tips for making the most of college" which provides collegians with solid advice for college success in an engaging, non-textbook format. She also collaborated with Cheryl Rilly and Valerie Pierce in editing the book, Countdown to College: 21 'To Do' Lists for High School.

For the last several years, my wife and I have given this book as a gift to every high school graduate who's preparing to enter college. We've always thought that if even half the young men and women found just a little value in the book, it was worth it. It has so many great ideas; some of which are common sense and others that few people would ever consider. I wish someone had given me this book as a graduation gift. I might have had a more successful first semester of my freshman year.

This one is a lot of fun to have as a coffee-table book, or to pass around at parties. It's a bunch of one-liners from students and instructors about what they see in college, or what they wish they'd done differently. There were a few points in there that made me look up and realize that some part of my own college experience could best be described as "optimistic insanity." I wish I'd had this years ago.

I'm an R.A. in a college residence hall and I keep a copy of this book laying around my room. When guys are just hanging out they often pick it up and usually get sucked in because any page they turn to has great advice-and it's all from other college students. There's a lot of stuff that most freshmen don't even know they should know, and actually, that goes for sophomores, juniors and seniors. This book pretty much covers it all - it's a ton of excellent information in a non-intimidating little book.

If you are in college or thinking about higher education, put this book on your Christmas wish list. To parents and grandparents of college age young adults, buy them this book. It's a flip through. Read it with your young adult. If you've already been to college, you will groan at all the opportunities you missed! Carol Christen, author *What Color Is Your Parachute for Teens*.

The best part is that these are actual comments by actually former or present college students. I bought this copy for my daughter-in-law, a gifted high school counselor, so it will be wisely used.

This is an easy way to get a lot of good information! There are issues and situations that you really don't think about until you are right there. This book not only gives you a heads up, but also provides strategies for dealing with whatever. The sections on getting through math courses and finding an internship really made a difference for me.

If I had this book when I was in college my life would have been so much easier! Life is too short to

have to "reinvent the wheel" to learn the ideas already provided in this book.

I gave this book to a cousin of mine who was just graduating high school. I thought that even if he just flipped through the book he may come across some great tidbits of information. The book covers most topics important to an incoming college freshman. An awesome gift to grad! Highly recommend.

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