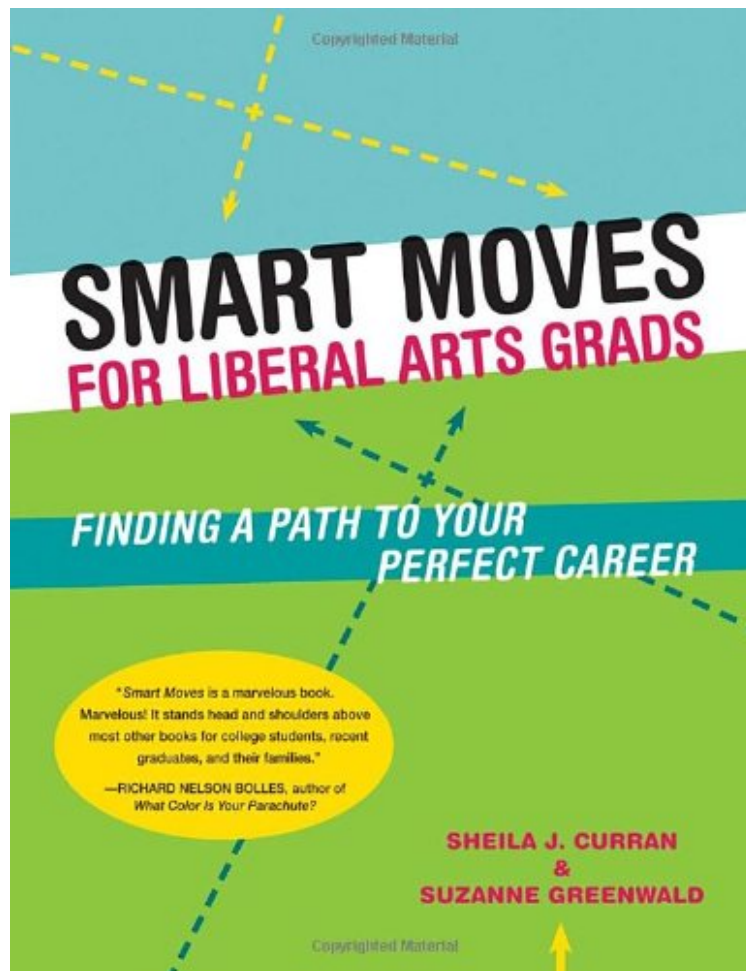


Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads: Finding a Path to Your Perfect Career

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Smart Move to Read Smart MovesBy BI am an Academic Advisor at Texas State University and have been in higher education in a variety of other roles supporting students and their families since 1993. I highly recommend reading Reading Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads. Doing so will be one of the smartest moves students, career advisors and parents must make because it helps all of them prepare for the world of work. Students will acquire a lot of knowledge and reduce their apprehensions about their career prospects while simultaneously being inspired to do what is necessary to take advantage of the multitude of opportunities long

before graduation. Career advisors benefit greatly because they can offer a lot of outside-the-box advice. That is vital especially considering how creative people need to be in order to have a meaningful and fulfilling career. Smart Moves provides many examples of how people were able to achieve their goals. This book provides practical and time-honored advice on how to accomplish that. Parents will be able to support their offspring with up-to-date, helpful information from two long-time professionals in their field. The stories the authors outline are powerful because they illustrate how some of them started down one path but chose another which they eventually benefited from. I highly recommend this book and believe it should be required reading as early in a college academic career as possible. As a matter of fact, high school students can read it so they prepare themselves prior to going to college. In this way, they do not spend valuable time and money on courses they may not have needed and they take courses they enjoy. When students study subjects they enjoy while also being challenged they tend to perform at a higher level.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A book that showed me what I didn't know I was looking for

By J. Costa
I purchased this book because I was graduating college with a Liberal Arts degree. I purchased this book in hopes of finding real advice that I could quickly apply to my life to create job options for myself. Instead, the book presented the idea to me that Liberal Arts grads fall into a niche arbitrarily, just because of where life may take you. What I took away from each story was that Liberal Arts is broad and can be a platform to get into a variety of careers. I now know what career path I would like to take, and I am pursuing my Master's Degree in that area. That being said, I didn't get the answer that I was looking for in this book, but this book demonstrated to me that you can't find those types of answers in a book. Life has to happen and nature has to take its course. I read that book having a more philosophical approach to finding my career path, and my career path came to me at the right time. But, this book would argue anytime is the right time, not just when I think it's the right time. I would recommend this book to those who want to get an open mind, or those that already do. It is mostly a story of answering the door when opportunity knocked.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Recommend for Undergrads looking for internships and opportunity options

By waribah
It seems like a book that every college liberal art major should read when they are seriously considering their career options ahead of them. I think preferably this is something for the Senior or Junior Undergraduate when they are choosing an internship. I personally read this while in graduate school and I feel that it would have benefited me more earlier on in me academic career.

Most people would love to have 20/20 hindsight on their careers. In Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads, college career experts Sheila Curran and Suzanne Greenwald have assembled the next best thing: the collective wisdom of a diverse and inspiring cast of success stories—twenty-three liberal arts graduates who have gone on to all manner of fascinating and satisfying professions. The authors have combined lessons from the stories with their own hands-on experience with thousands of students and graduates to outline a framework for finding a perfect career. What makes Smart Moves different is that it provides essential career advice while being fun to read. Readers will be struck by the frankness of the biographies of real graduates whose careers have taken twists and turns. Todd turned his passion into a living as the founder and CEO of several small businesses and a professional cellist; Thad's path took him from English major to a dream job in the front office of a major league baseball team; and a subway ride helped Sharon speed her intended career leap from a luxury department store to journalism. What binds them together is that they have all made smart moves on the way to career success—both during their liberal arts education and in the real world. Smart Moves not only champions the value of a liberal arts education, it also embraces the complexity of careers, and the notion that many different factors contribute to success: education, experience, attitude, personal characteristics, and a good dose of luck. Smart Moves is an inspiration to all those who are seeking proven strategies to follow their passion no matter what their age. The quarter million liberal arts students who receive diplomas each year will truly benefit from the insights of Smart Moves. But this book is equally helpful for high school students (and their guidance counselors) looking at colleges, for graduates still looking for their life's work, and for parents who want to understand career realities for their children. An innovative career guide for our stressful, fast-paced world, Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads illuminates valuable career lessons with sharp advice and an unparalleled framework for success.

Smart Moves is a marvelous book. Marvelous! It stands head and shoulders above most other books for college students, recent graduates, and their families.

Richard Nelson Bolles, author of What Color Is Your Parachute? ". . . [a] terrific book. . . advice is both encouraging and down-to-earth."

FortuneRead a Washington Post review of Smart Moves for Liberal Arts Grads

From the Publisher* Career advice for current and future liberal arts majors and graduates from two career counselors, featuring both straightforward job-searching advice and real-life stories from grads who have taken unique paths to their dream careers. * Sidebars and distill the "smart moves" that turned liberal arts degrees into career success. * Debunks the top four myths for liberal arts majors: a liberal arts degree is a lousy investment, you have to go to grad school, your major equals your career, and GPA is everything.

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