

The Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures

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Michael Landes : The Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended to those with an adventurous spirit! By A Customer I recently received The Back Door Guide to Short Term Job Adventures, and it's absolutely wonderful. It's well-written, informative yet entertaining, but best of all, it's inspiring. It has me excited about options I didn't know I had. I've already ordered another copy for a friend of mine. 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Back-Dooring It: How To Do What You've Always Wanted To Do By darrup@fas.harvard.edu Remember when you thought about *what I wanna be when I grow* up? Not there now? Well, think about it again, because this time you've got help. And lots of it. Enter Michael Landes, author of The Back Door Guide to Short Term Job Adventures. Think about him as your personal coach: he'll give you heaps of motivational talks (quotes, really) that you've probably heard before. But you won't dismiss them this time as idealisms that simply won't sustain you, because Landes gives you something

to *do* with that idealism, so that it magically turns into something very, very realistic: what you've always wanted to be, and what you've always wanted to be doing... whether you're a student fresh out of (or in) high school or college or graduate school, or whether you're feeling uninspired at a job you've had for years, or whether your time clock years are over and you're looking for adventure for different reasons. Think about Landes as your personal coach and your advisor, your counselor - if you write to him, he'll write you back. Really. And sincerely. They say *it is not what you know, it is who you know.* Fine. The Back Door Guide gives you the *who* to know, in the form of a real-live name of a real-live contact person. It also gives you plenty of *whats* to know, too: there are, for example, how-to tools of figuring out who you are (*Who Are You?* page 2), and there are the step-by-steps of applying for a position (*The Program Application Package.....* pages 20-27). The individual listings include similar priceless pieces of information. First the logistics: who should apply? what's the work? where is the program? when do I go? how long do I stay? Then there are in-depth reports: Area and Working Environment, Work/Learn Program Specifics, Duration, Compensation and Perks, The Ideal Candidate, Making It Happen, and Insider Tips are sub-headings for each, yes, each, of the thousands, yes, thousands, of program opportunities compiled in this book. There are too many opportunities in this book than sanity can account for; the challenge may well be picking one to do. The very first *what* to know, as Landes makes abundantly clear, is that any program, any opportunity, is what you make of it. He could (and does) lead you to the Back Door and he tells you all about what's inside, but the Back Door is yours and only yours to open. He sends you to the heavens, dreaming (of *how my life should be* and *what I really should be doing with my life*), but then he grounds you back on earth by handing you, on a silver platter, nonetheless, mountains of how-to guidelines for reaching those heights. You feel good at the end of a day and, chances are, you've helped someone or something along the way. You'll work hard, and you'll play hard - but with Landes and the opportunities in this book, you'll also learn that work and play are the same thing. Part of the fun of this book is finding the only-sometimes-subliminal messages spaced throughout its well-designed pages. (My favorites are the two canoe-carriers on the front cover, whose T-shirts feature a peace sign and a globe.) See how many you can find, and write to Michael Landes and tell him about it. He'll write back. Really. Try him. 16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. The Back Door Guide is inspirational. By A Customer I ordered a copy of "The Back Door Guide" when I was doing a lot of job searching while working as a seasonal assistant park manager for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps during the summer. At that point in my life, I considered myself an expert "off the beaten path" job searcher and was doubtful that any job guide could provide me with novel inspiration in my quest. However, "The Back Door Guide" exceeded my expectations. It is the best resource for meaningful employment that I have stumbled upon in my years of seasonal work (and thus, frequent job searches). Thanks to Michael Landes for providing such a valuable resource.

Find the Back Door to your Future, Crave an amazing work of learning adventure for the summer? Need to get real work experience in your field of dreams? Searching for the launchpad to that unconventional career you were born to have? Start by opening The Back Door Guide to Short Term Job Adventures!