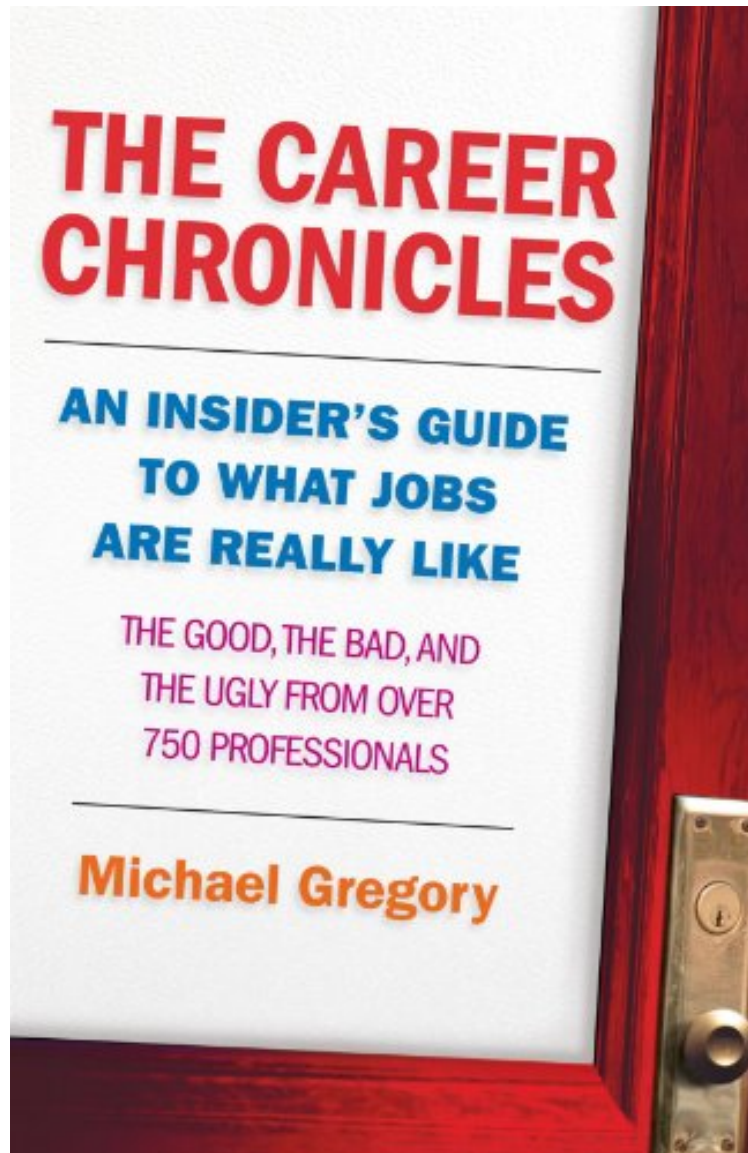


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informational Interviews Summarized for Job InsightBy Megumi TakedaComing from somebody who tries to research job-related information, I think this is a great resource because of the honesty in responses and the organization (each job chapter includes basic info and responses for 6 categories: "College vs. Reality," "The Biggest Surprise," "Hours and Advancement," "The Best and the Worst," "Changes in the Profession," and "Would You Do It All Over Again."). As for other comments about how they found the book to be "basic" and that they found "better information online," I'd say they missed the point. Can you find more specific information on the internet than in this book?- of course. But I don't wanna spend hours filtering through search results on Google. I'd much rather just go to one place that has basic info and some insights that I otherwise may not of come across. This book summarizes jobs AND incorporates people's opinions based on experience in a easy-to-read concise way (and not nearly as dry as the Occupational Outlook Handbook published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics).3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Typical stuff-- not that helpfulBy Michael R.I have a few complaints about this book. First, the professions he chose were very narrow and about professions that most people already know about anyway. The number of professions were also few, but perhaps it was better that he focused on fewer professions that allows for greater depth. He should have tried to inquire about careers that people are interested in but have little information. He also chose a disproportionately high number of sales positions-- financial planner, insurance agent, realtor, etc. These are sales jobs, pure and simple!! Secondly, he did not vary the questions for any of the professions. Thus, wasted space for some professions and no specific questions for specific careers. Finally, it doesn't quite delve into the real pros and cons of many of these professions. I've found far superior stuff online and for free. However, i will say that it does a decent job for a few of the professions-- it truly confirms that law is not a great field, but not surprising since the guy is an ex-lawyer. Overall, it may still be worth a (quick) read for kids in high school and college, and it DOES do its job for certain professions in telling the pros and cons for many professions for people who do not have much knowledge/exposure to that field.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great Tool for Choosing a CareerBy indynchiefWhat a fantastic book to read in helping one select a career. This book is subdivided by various careers including health care, law, architecture, education and IT. It gives the opinions of seasoned professionals where it describes the pros and cons of their career decision. The books even asks the professionals if they would choose the same career if given a choice. I hope that this becomes a necessary reference book for colleges and institutions that help people make a career decision. This book is an excellent tool for anyone deciding on their career path!

In this nuts-and-bolts guide, over 750 professionals speak candidly about the good, the bad, and the ugly of two dozen popular professions. Dispensing with romantic fantasies, real-world professionals from nurses and pharmacists to architects and attorneys speak about the day-to-day realities of their careers in six categories: College vs. Reality; The Biggest Surprise; Hours and Advancement; The Best and the Worst; Changes in the Profession; and Would You Do It All Over Again? Chapters include overviews of each profession, followed by helpful information about education, testing, and registration and licensing requirements; the number of positions across the country; and the average starting or median annual salaries. This valuable resource is filled with the open, personal insights and observations most students and career-changers want and need to make informed decisions about what they will do with the rest of their lives.

From School Library JournalAdult/High SchoolAn introduction to 23 jobs in health care, architecture, the law, financial services, education, the social sciences, information technology, sales, media, and more. Gregory dedicates a separate chapter to each one, opening with its history and background and describing the current status of the field (including statistics on employment levels, education required, and average salaries). The most revealing portions of each chapter are the direct quotes from surveys. Workers are asked to compare the reality of the profession to expectations developed in school, describe the biggest surprise, say whether they would choose that position again, and answer practical questions about hours and advancement, as well as best and worst aspects of and changes in the profession. The honest, insightful answers given by the survey responders, combined with the wide-ranging fields and professions covered, offer teens an opportunity to learn about "the real world" before committing to a specific career path. The concluding chapter features a table of data comparing current careers and dream professions from 50 survey responders and encourages readers to consider factors beyond salary and status when choosing a profession. This book belongs in every high school library and guidance office.Sondra VanderPloeg, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. A comprehensive career guide ... Offers a candid view of what its really like to work in fields from engineering to health care. More than 750 professionals confess the best, worst and most surprising parts of their jobs, giving graduates an insiders view before they start their own on-the-job training. BookPageWithout sugarcoating the grueling details, this guide still accentuates the positive, and hundreds of personal voices add to the encouraging tone. Publishers WeeklyA great book

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