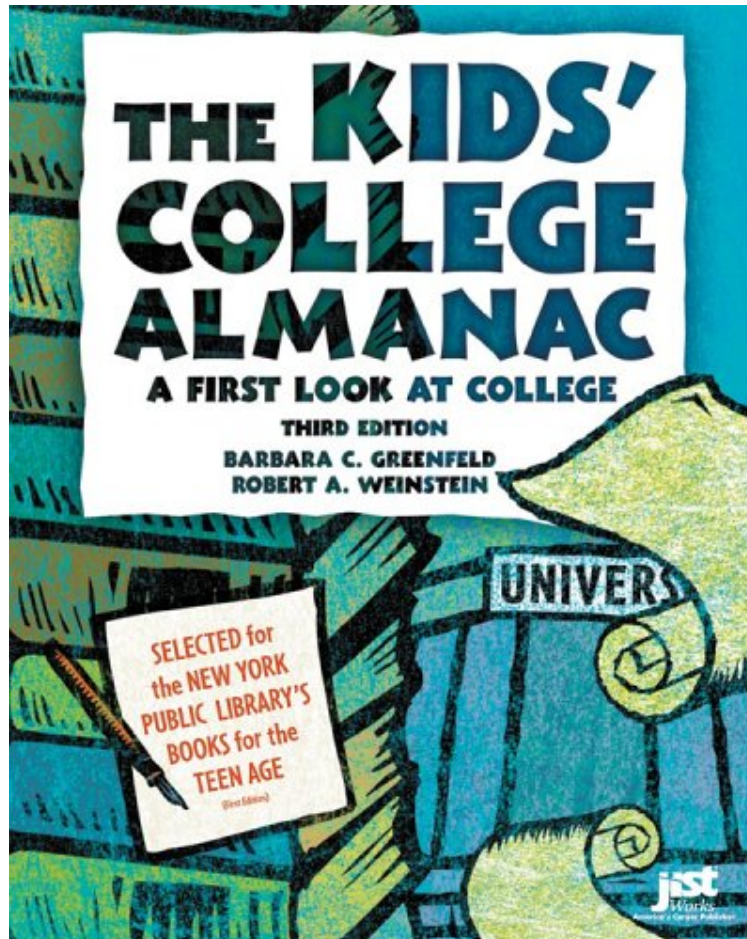


## The Kids' College Almanac: A First Look at College (Kids' College Almanac: First Look at College)

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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.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful.

Outstanding Resource  
By A Customer  
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!  
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Must Read for Parents and Students in Selecting a College  
By Richard D. Solomon, PhD  
As a student are you dealing with the issue of what college to attend? As a parent are you trying to help your child make that decision. If you are facing this dilemma, I strongly recommend reading the Kid's College Almanac: A First Look at College by Barbara C. Greenfeld and Robert A. Weinstein. The chapters answer these questions: What is college? Why should I think about college? Who goes to college? What can I learn at college? How will I learn at college? How do I gather information? Where should I apply? How do I apply to college? How much does college cost? How will I pay for college? How does college begin? What happens at college? Is college my only choice? What should I do now? If these are the questions you are facing, this is a must read for both students and parents.

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

" . . . An easy-to-read reference to help answer kids' questions about colleges and careers." -- Baltimore's Child Magazine  
"A valuable tool for college seekers and their families, particularly those with little experience." -- VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) Magazine  
"A very solid summary of what college is like . . . the layout and trivia make for great reading." -- College Spotlight Magazine  
"Covers a wide range of topics about college decision-making, without being overwhelming! It's a great book for your parents, too!" -- GEAR UP Scholars Gazette (Hawaii)  
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