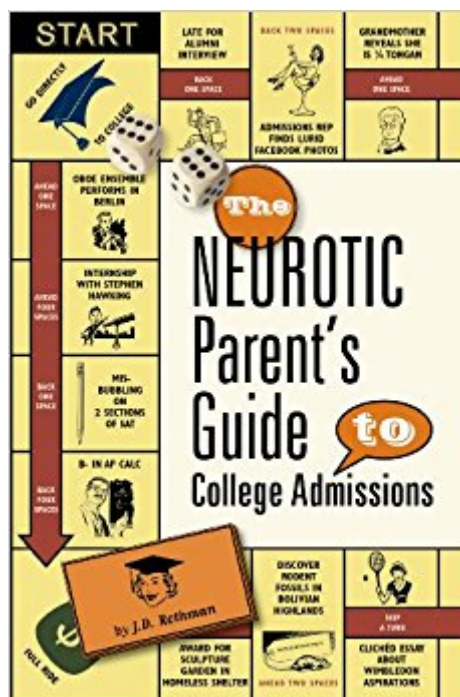


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# The Neurotic Parent's Guide To College Admissions: Strategies For Helicoptering, Hot-housing & Micromanaging



## Synopsis

Admissions rates of 6 percent? Kids applying to thirty-two colleges? Sixteen-year-olds with more impressive resumes than Fortune 500 CEOs? Has the nation lost its mind? Why yes, it has! J.D. Rothman, the Neurotic Parent of blog fame, takes readers on a hilarious satiric journey through today's insane college admissions process. The vividly illustrated book takes you from the Itsy-Bitsy Fiske Guide and Junior Kumon Tips for Preschoolers through Rejection Letters from the Heart and Bed Bath & Bye-Bye.

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"Laugh-out-loud funny... this book is going to be a huge success!" -- Teen Vogue "It's hilarious!" -- Madeleine Brand, KPCC/NPR Witty insight into the admissions process....Smartly satirical, providing hilarious solutions to real problems....Filled with various charts and diagrams that will get your children into Harvard (after deferment, of course). Altogether..a smart, wry look at the process.--St. Louis Magazine "Made us laugh out loud... Rothman is an acute observer of the road to the fat envelope." -- Admission Now "Playful... quirky... belly-busting... full of funny statistics and oddities." -- National Association of College Admissions Counselors "If you need a good laugh at how crazy the college admissions process has become, this is a book for you. Rothman, a television comedy writer, subtly weaves good advice about encouraging students to strike a healthy balance, find their passion and communicate that to colleges." -- Charlotte Observer

J.D. Rothman: J.D. (Judy) Rothman is an Emmy-winning screenwriter and lyricist specializing in comedy and children's programming. She coped with the stress of her son's college-application process by becoming the blogger The Neurotic Parent, which later inspired the book. She also contributed to I'm Going to College, Not You (St. Martin's).

Loved this book. Helps put things into perspective. In this age of packaging, prepping and stressing over your child's college admission, this book is the perfect anti dote for all 'neurotic' parents. I am glad I read it before embarking on the potentially stressful journey of college apps. Yes, they will all be fine and end up where they are supposed to be even though this is the most difficult year for college admissions in the history of mankind!

So funny (and too true). My sister and I both have college and college-bound kids and were joking about writing a book from the perspective of an exasperated parent. This book saves us the hassle. You aren't going to find any truly useful tips, but you will spend some enjoyable time laughing at the college-application and college-years transition.

A wonderful and extremely witty book. I immediately sent copies to everyone I know who is dealing with the application process. As my daughter is a recent graduate of Wesleyan we were intrigued to hear about its new popularity. Thanks to the author for putting all the angst into perspective. Strongly recommend for anyone who has ever dealt with the college experience.

This book is insanely great! Love the great layout and different sections. This books was really funny because she talks about all the ludicrous things that you think down inside about admissions and presents them in an easy to understand format. A great read for students and parents, worth every cent!

I didn't realize it was a satire when I bought it. I thought it was going to be useful. What a waste of my time. Perhaps if you want to give it as a joke

At first I was entertained by the wit and comic anecdotes. But the more I read, the more perceptive and useful insights to the college process I found. Rothman has real world experience and all her examples stay in my mind as reminders of what to do and not do. A consistently useful guide for this

neurosis making process.

Everything you never thought you needed to know about getting your child into college is covered in a light, funny, and often bizarre style. even if you don't have kids, but this book for the laughs it will undoubtedly provide!

Three children later, I thought I could spin out the miseries of senior year with my own funny stories. But J.D. has me beat. Her take on the process -- from the different ways different kids approach it through bleary college tours and acceptance/rejection etiquette -- yes! it made me laugh out loud. My youngest son (S.B. (Social Butterfly, an "already in" high school senior) came in the room, saw what I was reading and rolled his eyes. Then I read him a paragraph and he gave a grudging laugh, nodded, and left the room shaking his head. Who knew you could make such great (and yet weirdly respectful) fun of getting into college in its daunting current form? I bow down to Mr/Ms. Rothman's wit and wisdom.

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