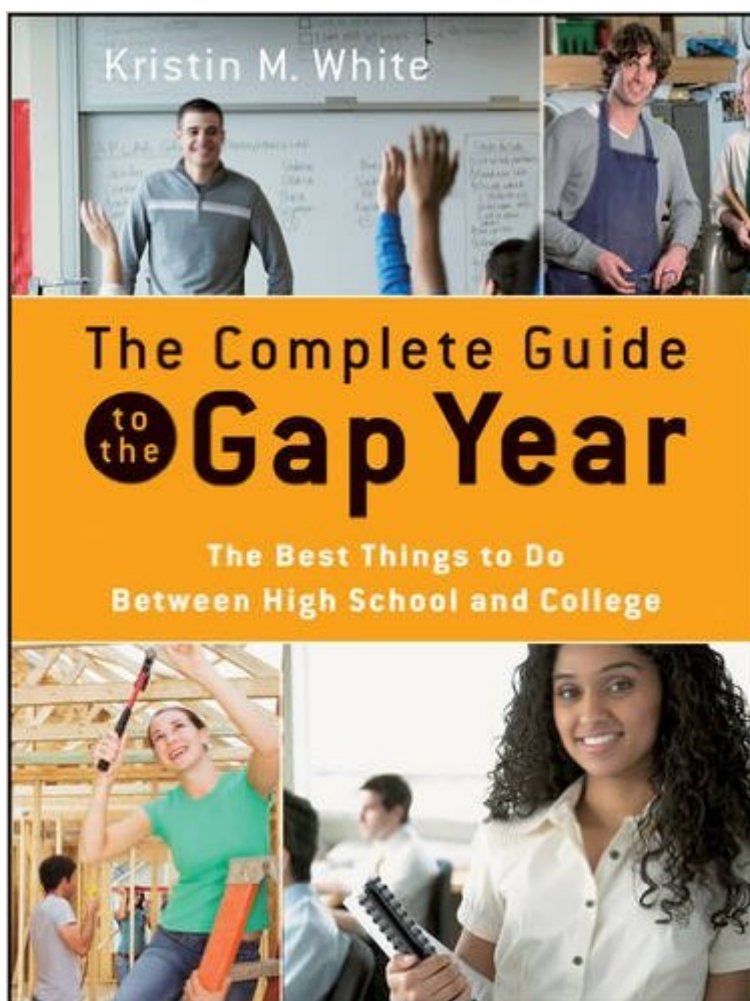


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The Complete Guide To The Gap Year: The Best Things To Do Between High School And College



Synopsis

This is the go-to book for anyone considering a year to re-charge, to follow a passion, to become immersed in another culture, or to find their love of learning again. It includes everything a student, parent, or guidance counselor would want to know about the gap year; including what a gap year is, what it is not, and why it can have a positive impact on a young life. * Readers can find out what college admissions deans think of the gap year, and how it is becoming an important part of the educational process at top tier universities. * Economically, the gap year can make a lot of sense in a recession, and this useful guide gives information on free programs, financial aid, and tax savings. * The book has a comprehensive guide to 200 of the world's best gap year programs. * Students will find self-quizzes and helpful criteria to help them decide whether to take a gap year, and if so what kind of program. This guide helps them evaluate their interests and plan and fund their gap year; whether it means spending a year on a sailing vessel, coaching sports and teaching in an impoverished area, or following a passion in the arts or academics.

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created the number one gap year resource." ?Chris Stakich, co-founder and executive director, Thinking Beyond Borders "A good choice for students with the means and broad perspective necessary to consider this experience." (Library Journal, February 2010) "Whatever your motivation, if you are interested in pursuing a gap year experience, do your research. And I'd start by reading White's book." (CBS MoneyWatch.com, The College Solution) "This guide'sÃ Æ best feature is itsÃ Æ clear and detailed organization by subject interest. If a marine life program is calling out to a teen, it is easy to find options and related subjects close by. Though the "gap year"Ã Æ is a relatively new concept in the United States, it is quite common in Europe and Australia. The directories of volunteer and for-credit gap year programs are pure gold. An index and resource list are included." (School Library Journal, "Choosing the Right College" January 27, 2010)

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Kristin White's book is a good introduction to gap year programs. It offers great discussion of why and how to do a program, how to pay for it, and a full directory of different categories of

programs. This book is a user-friendly start to the process of identifying the menu of gap programs out there. Many students interested in gap programs simply go on the internet, which provides no complete directory or third-party discussion. This book is a great guidebook to help "jumpstart" the gap year program search. I gave this program a 4 instead of a 5 because it could have gone a step further beyond simply identifying programs under different headings. There could have been more of an objective review process, explaining why each program might be appropriate for a certain kind of young person with a certain set of goals. There could have been comparisons between programs that on the surface appear almost identical. There could have been some due diligence, pros and cons, what to watch out for, rewards and frustrations that have been experienced by students who enrolled in each program. But as an introduction, especially with the lack of guidebooks available, the book serves a market need. Hopefully Ms. White will come out with a more in-depth guide in the future!

This is good for a HS graduate who is waiting to determine their direction, or has a volunteer/internship they wish to pursue. It is not useful for considering a gap year between undergrad and grad school or how to work out student loans if you do decide to take a gap year then.

The book is more of a reference, not a complete guide. All of the information in the book can be found easily online. The book really did not tell me anything I did not know before, so it definitely was not worth the money I paid for it. It is mildly useful as a collection of various programs in one book. The book is more useful if someone is looking for volunteer, study abroad, adventure, nature, or arts programs.

Very good info, to the point and clear. Has a lot of information and a list of agencies that offer these type of programs

A wonderful resource!

If you or your child is considering a gap year, or "bridge year" as they call it, this is one-stop shopping for domestic and international programs, volunteer opportunities and immersion programs, as well as advice on how best to present this gap year to prospective colleges.

Great book to get you started on planning a Gap Year. Provides some basic concrete information and an overview of issues to consider in the planning process. Presents options and lists programs which can then be further investigated independent of the book.

not as complete as I would have liked. It provides some great resources and is worth purchasing if you or your student are considering a gap year but it falls short in two respects: 1) I wish it had had recommendations of programs for students who need some personal growth/matruing/issues to work on. 2) It would be helpful to have had the PG schools listing include the nature and scope of how PG students fit in to the cultures and curricula at those schools.

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