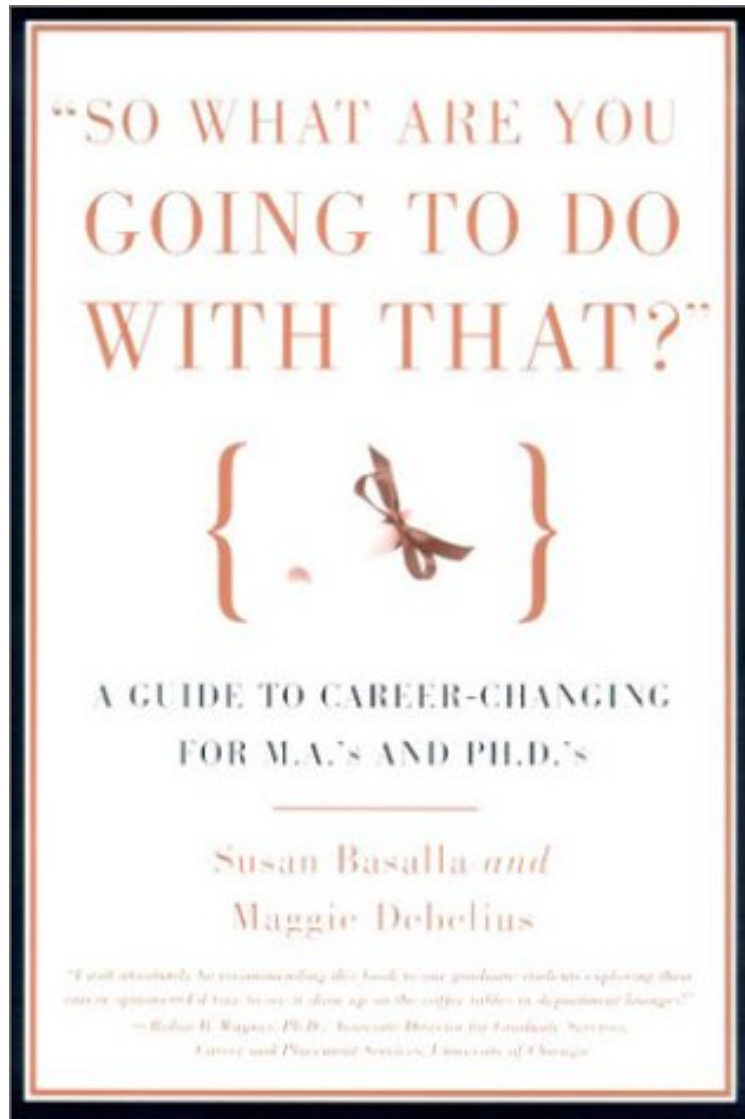


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Help for Floundering Ph.D.'s in the Real World! By Luanne Fose, Ph.D. A friend of mine suggested this book when she saw how discouraged I was about not landing a job again in academia (after being out for several years) and I am so glad she did! This book showed me how to focus on all the skills I have obtained over the years and how to make them truly marketable in my resume. The section on reconstructing your curriculum vita into a resume was especially helpful. Debelius and Basalla seem to have a grasp on how painful this process really is and they try to help you through it with both humor and motherly coddling. Removing all those years of research and dissertation work in order to scale down your C.V. into a small, readable document is no easy task for any Ph.D. However, the results of my new resume were quite successful and I found a new job path within only a few months! Strangely enough, the job turned out to be in academia anyway... just not teaching in the classroom as I had done before. I highly recommend this book! If you are a discouraged Ph.D. (and I know I was not alone out there), it will help remind you of your true worth and inspire you to see all the career paths that are truly open to you if you will only keep an open mind. Onward and upward!

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Helpful By A Customer Of course mentors of students experienced in career planning and the students/clients themselves aren't going to find an anecdotal book like this as useful as would those first considering the plunge from academe or adjusting to the corporate world for the first time (see other review). Someone waiting tables for the first time isn't going to find walking up to a hungry, hurried party of eight easier than would the manager who was a server for years and has decided to 'take a table' during the rush--and I don't care where they graduated from. Many people 'in transition' already know how to network, research career options, gain an informational interview, etc. Some academic scholars don't handle those social tasks well, but many, having already taught and job-hunted, already have a knack for that stuff. What they don't know--and what this book provides--are the stories of others who, for similar reasons, have left academe and teaching. We get their wisdom and the kinds of adjustments to be expected. It should be emphasized, though, that '40' can be relatively young for a PhD but old for an entry-level job applicant who can write, analyze, and research as well as the new employers, if only given the chance.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Should have listened... By imara219 to all of the middling reviews for this book. I was seriously disappointed when I received it in the mail. First I thought they would list different types of jobs available and how to market yourself for them instead I was treated to 10 pages of their backgrounds and then their interviews of others who left the academic world. The interviews were interesting but not what I thought I was buying.

A guide for Ph.D.s and Ph.D. candidates to getting a job outside the academy With the current dearth of tenure-track positions in academia, graduate students are more than ever in need of a guide to the alternative job market. Ph. D.'s take heart! As Susan Basalla and Maggie Debelius convincingly show you, you are more marketable than you might expect. Academics, whether they have completed a doctorate or not, already have the requisite skills to thrive beyond the academy. This comprehensive, practical, and potentially life-changing guide will help you find your way in the postacademic world. The authors' advice is based on personal experience. Both have gone on to rewarding postacademic careers. They have conducted hundreds of interviews with former graduate students and professors, from every academic specialty. Their stories, combined with a wealth of practical advice, from the creation of a resume to interview etiquette, make this book an inspiring and useful tool.

From Publishers Weekly What if, while one is ensconced in a six-year art history doctoral program, the idea of a career in academia loses its luster? Susan Basalla and Maggie Debelius have been there, and they've used their Ph.D.s in English from Princeton along with the additional confidence and skills their degrees have provided to open doors into different (and higher-paying) careers. In "So What Are You Going to Do with That?": A Guide to Career-Changing for M.A.'s and Ph.D.'s, they use wit, directness and great anecdotal evidence to guide readers through the soul-searching decision to leave academia, turning a stuffy C.V. into a high-powered r?sum? and landing the interview and the job. Agent, Daniel Greenberg. (Farrar, Straus Giroux, \$15 paper 176p ISBN 0-374-52621-4; Jan.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Last year, the Chronicle of Higher Education reported that the number of tenure-track academic teaching positions had fallen and would continue to decline. Citing this trend, Basalla and Debelius warn that graduate students and faculty might now want to consider the "alternative job market more than ever." Both authors have successfully made a transition to what they call the "post-academic world." Basalla is a medical journalist; Debelius is an editor at an Internet start-up. They tailor standard job-hunting advice to the specific circumstances of those who are "halfway to graduation and suddenly wondering if teaching is the right [choice]." In discussing one's options, they look at such issues as should students finish their dissertations? By profiling others who decided to move on, they emphasize the wide variety of opportunities and choices. They also provide self-evaluation exercises, recommend tips for information interviewing, advise how to turn a curriculum vitae into an effective resume, and suggest how to market one's academic credentials in a job interview. David Rouse Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "At last! A book written by and for graduate students and Ph.D.'s who seek employment outside the university . . ." -- David T Gies, Commonwealth Professor of Spanish, University of Virginia "Basalla and Debelius unlock the mysteries of how academic skills fit into business,

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