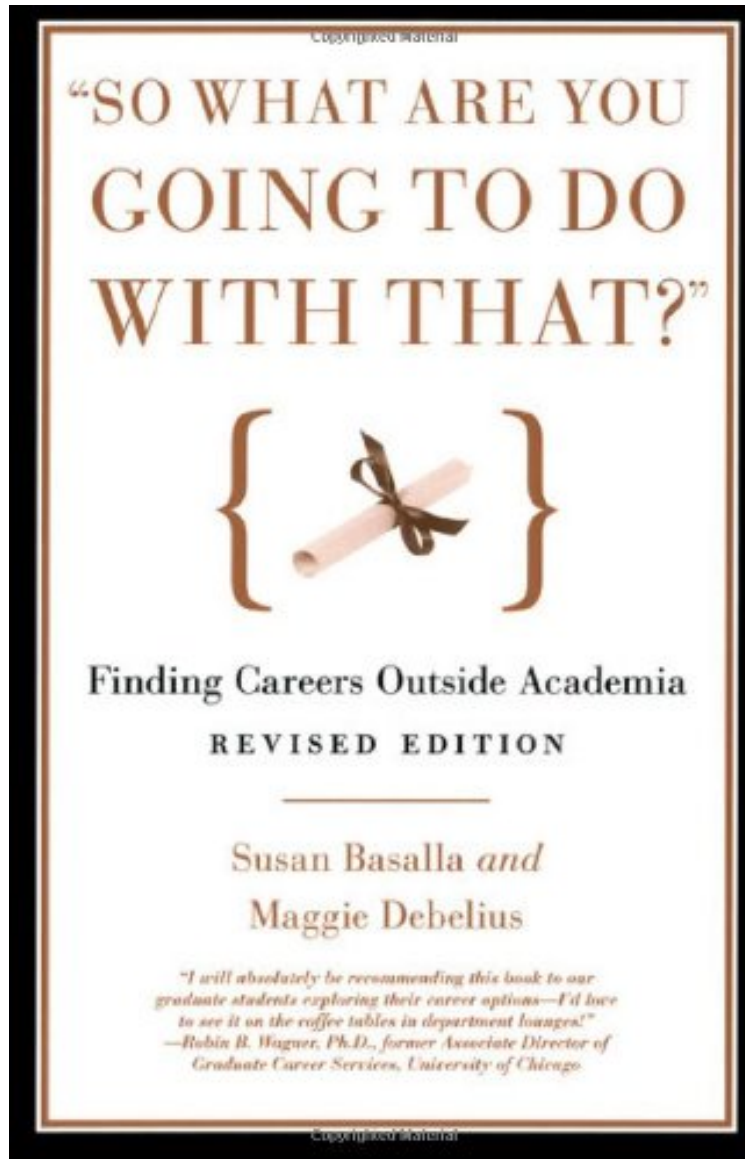


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the authors are going to tell me what other jobs I can find outside academia but they don't. They just go over stories of other graduates who had been lucky enough to find work in corporate America. So how do I find a job with a doctorate in a company? What jobs are there? It doesn't say. I did get that to find a job one has to network (as always) and keep one's eyes open (duh!). Basically, the book is like any other job hunting book out there. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. if professors are so smart, why do they put up with this? By Talia This is one of about 10-20 books I've come across that I regard more as an 'intervention' than merely 'information'. In the course of the few hours it took to read this book, my entire perspective changed. I underlined paragraph after paragraph... I showed the book to many of my friends, "See? THIS is what I've been talking about!" Everyone I know is sick of hearing me drone on about academia - - I'm like a broken record, and since most of them didn't know me during my spritely pre-grad school days (which was 10 years ago) they probably assume I'm a pessimist by nature. Friends and family continuously reminded me I was just "jumping through the hoops" and I'd eventually make it to the other side. But instead of feeling like I was on a bridge to freedom and would be awaited by a sparkling future, I felt increasingly trapped. Each passing year, I observed with horror that I had taken yet one more step down the plank I was forcing myself to walk. I felt shackled by everything: other people's expectations, a limited job market, a severely compromised social life, and outrageously high student loans. Meanwhile, my friends - even those who didn't go to college at all - were starting families, buying houses, learning hobbies, and traveling... when they came through town to visit, I couldn't even afford to have dinner with them. I spent a decade of my life in a basement, writing pages of jargon for up to 18 hours at a stretch. For years, my only break was doing laundry on Sundays... I had no car, no holidays, no hobbies, no weekends, no shopping, no vacations, no nothing. I vowed that if I ever had children, I would prohibit them from getting straight A's... just observe the consequences... This book vamped up my expectations for life and happiness in general. Also, the exercises were actually useful!! I'm not sure why... I have a bunch of career and self-exploration books, but for some reason, the exercises in this book actually helped me narrow in on talents desires instead of confusing me further. And I see that research, data analysis, software programming, and grant writing are transferable skills. The best piece of advice in this book is to be willing to take a job that is "beneath" you initially and have faith that you'll move up quickly. Read this book. It's a reality check (you do realize that high school teachers earn more than starting professors, right? At least in a metropolitan area). I sent copies to bunches of people... 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Slanted towards English and master's students By Lindsay M Keiter This had some good insights and tips, but the main answer seems to be "consulting." Because it seems to be targeted more towards English students, it didn't have a section on getting museum work, which I was hoping for. I'd recommend it for decent general advice, but I was expecting more applicability across disciplines.

Graduate schools churn out tens of thousands of Ph.D.s and M.A.s every year. Half of all college courses are taught by adjunct faculty. The chances of an academic landing a tenure-track job seem only to shrink as student loan and credit card debts grow. What's a frustrated would-be scholar to do? Can he really leave academia? Can a non-academic job really be rewarding and will anyone want to hire a grad-school refugee? With *So What Are You Going to Do with That?* Susan Basalla and Maggie Debelius Ph.D.s themselves answer all those questions with a resounding Yes! A witty, accessible guide full of concrete advice for anyone contemplating the jump from scholarship to the outside world, *So What Are You Going to Do with That?* covers topics ranging from career counseling to interview etiquette to translating skills learned in the academy into terms an employer can understand and appreciate. Packed with examples and stories from real people who have successfully made this daunting but potentially rewarding transition, and written with a deep understanding of both the joys and difficulties of the academic life, this fully revised and up-to-date edition will be indispensable for any graduate student or professor who has ever glanced at her CV, flipped through the want ads, and wondered, What if? I will absolutely be recommending this book to our graduate students exploring their career options. I'd love to see it on the coffee tables in department lounges! Robin B. Wagner, former associate director for graduate career services, University of Chicago

"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.... In *"So What Are You Going to Do with That?"* they use wit, directness, and great anecdotal evidence to guide readers through the soul-searching decision to leave academia." - Publishers Weekly "I will absolutely be recommending this book to our graduate students exploring their career options - I'd love to see it on the coffee tables in department lounges!" - Robin B. Wagner, former associate director for graduate services, University of Chicago "About the Author Susan Basalla received her PhD from Princeton University. She is a principal with Storbeck / Pimentel Associates, LP, an executive search firm specializing in higher education.