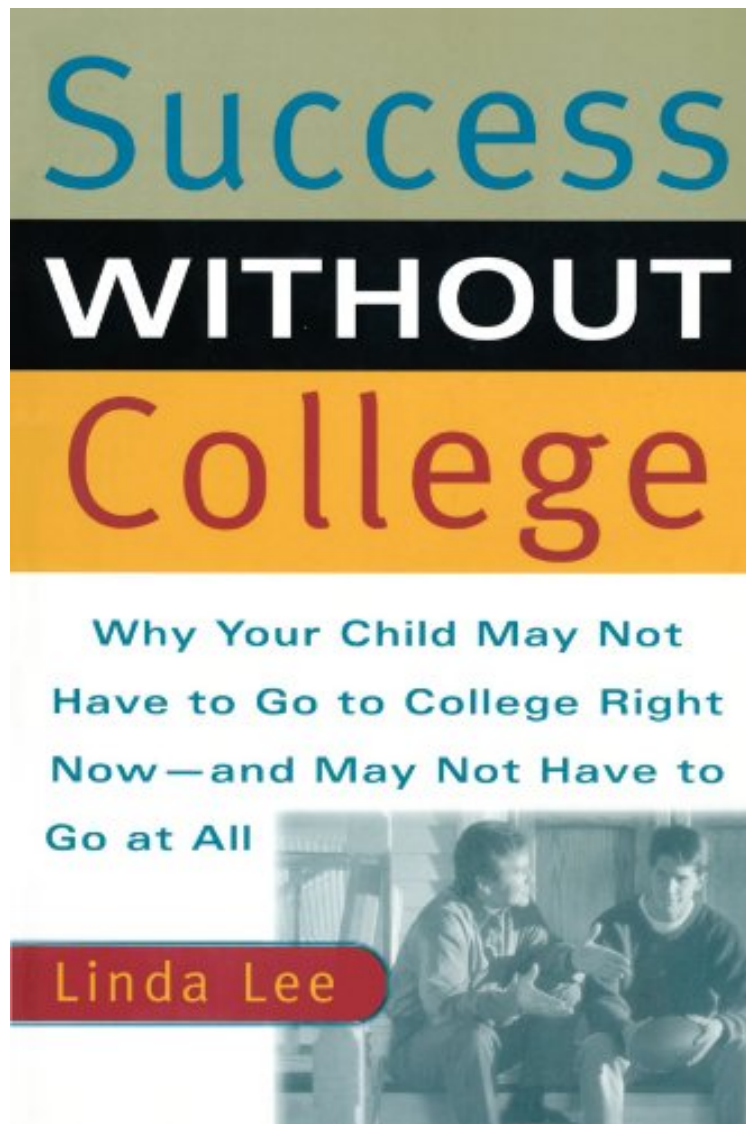


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. You will wind up doing what you want if motivated. By Grania. Not every kid will go to Harvard, Yale or Princeton, nor be a Richard Branson, Steve Jobs, or Bill Gates. Some do not even want to. How about a job share high school, academic am, hands on pm, project management from idea/cost/producing/approvals/patents. So my son is inclined to do 2 years electrical, get a license, get a job with a company that will pay for further professional learning (some wont pay raises without it), etc. He wants to break it down in pieces that he feels are manageable, cost effective, and will raise his self-esteem and confidence. In general, these kids don't waste time, money, or health on beer /parties or other drama. And they finish goal in 3-4 years, unlike peers 5-7 to take a bachelors. I actually bought this book for my DH so we could back up with info and numbers my son's plan. How many 15 year olds can break into baby steps their plan? Linda Lee gives very good information and resources for private and public sector avenues into the career world, with advancement, without the angst of breaking the bank or spirit of your child. A child cannot be expected to graduate with \$100,000 worth of loans and be expected to pay them back with a \$20,000 internship type of salary. So they have a degree and are still home til 30+...what have they really learned? No Freedom.No Independence. Rethink Old Ways of getting "Education".

21 of 21 people found the following review helpful. A Parent's View of Higher Education. By Donald Mitchell. Success Without College explodes many of the myths about college that abound in upscale suburban neighborhoods where parents expect all their children to go to the Ivy League and thrive. It helps you determine if your child is ready for college, or for a different kind of experience as early as age 15. More importantly, by improving the perspectives of parents, this book will change and reduce unrealistic pressures on youngsters that can make the teenage years difficult. In the process, parents can take satisfaction in helping launch their children onto a more productive path. Despite the fact that U.S. high schools seem to create poorly educated students, a higher percentage of people leave those high schools to attend college than in any other country in the world. College is expensive, and this is a great drain on families and students. Yet, most of those who go off to attend college will not graduate in 4 years. Many will never graduate, and will receive little of value to sustain them as people and economically. Frequent binge drinking seems to be the main experience that people get at college these days. A great strength of this book is that it is based in part on personal experience. The author's own son went to college for two years and did poorly. He then went out to work, and began learning how he needed to proceed with his life in the process. For many young people, college right after high school is too soon. You have to be both academically and emotionally mature. More people are the former than the latter. The book has a wonderful quiz that you can use to assess the emotional maturity of your youngster. I thought the quiz was good because it picked up on issues that two of my children had (who actually did complete college in 4 years), which I should have paid more attention to at the time. Perhaps each of them would have gotten more out of college if they had worked or done volunteer work for a year or two first. The book also addresses what to do with the child who is having trouble with high school. You will also find out about a variety of resources for dealing with emotional problems, learning disorders, and career planning. There are counselors who can help and programs that you can pursue. In many cases these cost money. In other cases (like the Army), they just take investigation. Given that more young people will not graduate from college than will, you would think that there would be more books about succeeding for those who do not go to college than those who do. It's just the opposite. Whether or not you think your children will and should go to college right away, I recommend you read this book. You may get some good ideas that may change your mind, and make your child's life much better! If you are like me, you have not done enough thinking about how to prepare your child for life, as well as education. This book is a superb resource to do just that. My main quibble about the book is that it relies on a few counterexamples to explain how well those without college educations can do. I would have liked to have seen a more systematic discussion about how those who go without college can always outperform the clueless liberal arts major. That would have given the book the necessary legitimacy to make parents feel terrific about exploring the noncollege options. After you have finished this book, I suggest that you discuss what you learned from it with another parent to help pass along the message. If your child is willing to read, you can have a much better discussion about what to do next if both of you read this book first. After you have had those discussions and taken appropriate actions, I also suggest that you consider where else you may have misconceptions about being a parent. What should your children be doing to prepare to be effective volunteers? What should they be doing to prepare to become lifelong learners after they leave school? What values will serve them the best? How can they learn to be good spouses and parents? You may be able to make improvements in these areas as well, based on your own thinking and research. Good luck!

8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. MUST READ. By Joshua. A great book. I'll have to check it out from the library. Our society's in a heap of trouble if we think that getting a degree is the only way you can get a good paying job. We've become a society of "diplomaism". A society that defines success by that sheepskin that's given to students every year on campuses. Sheepskin that can break families financially, and that can cost over \$100,000. Despite what society and the media say, how many of you folks reading this review know of someone (including yourself) who went through all of those loans and grants, and are barely making more than you are (if not less) even though you HAVE NO DEGREE? Don't get me wrong, money's nothing to me, but, colleges all across the nation teach this lie that if you have a degree, you'll be making mad cash, and if you don't, you'll live like a peasant. Let's remember, college is a business. A business that's getting around \$200,000,000,000

yearly. It's all a marketing scheme. From the viewbooks, to the good words given about the schools from happy, perky students. A stat that disturbed me was that 66% of high school seniors will enter college this fall, and only 26% will graduate within SIX YEARS! I tried the college route this previous year. HATED IT. I dropped out after a couple of weeks, because I couldn't handle the schoolwork, but I was pressured by my family and society (the media, books, etc.) to come back, so I did come back in January 2000. I barely passed my American Government class, and dropped two other classes. As a matter of fact, I dropped out AGAIN in April of 2000, but my professor called, then pressured me to come back, and like a sucker, I had a guilt trip and came back, only to get a C (which I got only because I passed my final exam with great marks. I originally had a D+). I'm now going to go either into the travel business, or truck driving, to satisfy my passion for travel. And I won't have to worry about paying back thousands of dollars in loans, and feeling like I broke my family economically. Thank you Linda Lee.

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