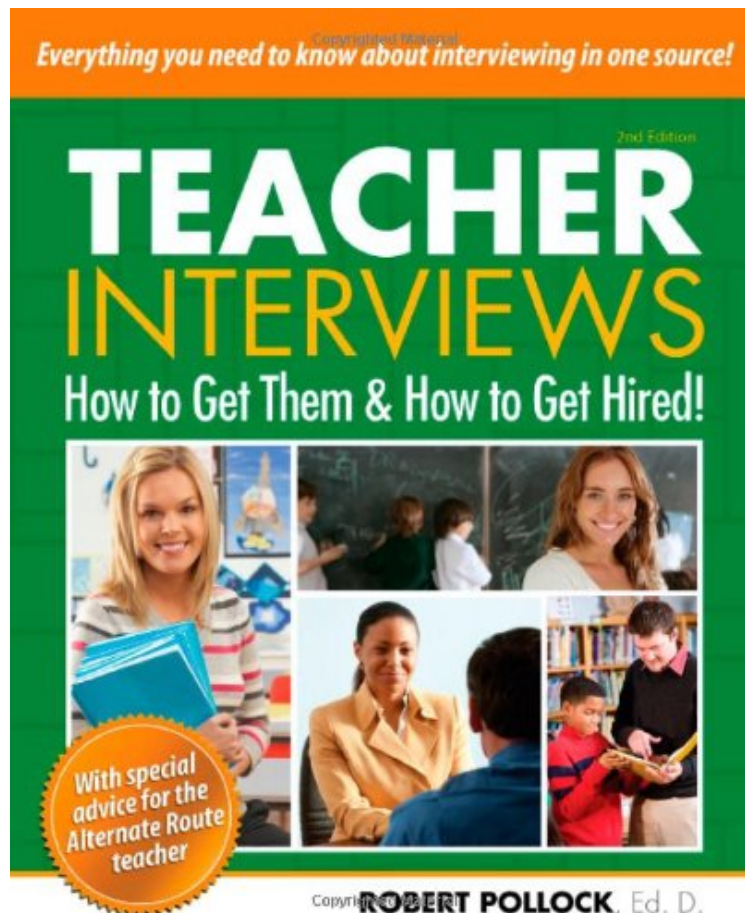


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good Resource For The BasicsBy L. BeckerWhile this book is 8 years old (copyright 2002), Teacher Interviews: How to Get Them and How to Get Hired is a superb resource for how to create effective cover letters, resumes, and how to answer some very common, very challenging interview questions. The book also includes advice on how to create a teaching portfolio and how to handle job offers. I received compliments by school district administrators on the resume I crafted using the advice in this book. I also felt more confident answering interview questions after reviewing what kinds of things I should include in my responses. I do believe this book helped me receive the position I have today and I'd recommend it to any teacher-to-be frustrated at sending their credentials out to numerous school districts only to never get that phone call for an interview.The

majority of the book discusses answers to commonly asked interview questions. These questions are broken down into sections, from "General Questions," to subject-specific questions (English Interview Questions, Social Studies questions, etc.), to grade-specific questions (elementary, middle, and high school). The book poses the question, breaks down the question to show you what interviewers are looking for you to demonstrate in your answer (for example, that you know how to differentiate instruction), gives you possible ways of answering, and sometimes gives you a sample answer. At the end of each question, there's a helpful bullet list of things you should think about/include in your answer. After that, there's a chapter on how to handle your offer. Somehow, this chapter felt premature because in my area, school districts make candidates go through multiple rounds of interviews and even perform demonstration lessons. It would have been nice to have had an additional chapter on the difference between first and second rounds of interviews, how the questions differ, and how to handle demonstration lessons. Nonetheless, this last chapter is fitting and I've used some of the advice in it. This chapter has sound advice for turning down jobs you don't want or how to handle two offers or whether to hold out for an undecided (but your preferred) school district. Overall, I'd say this is a pretty thorough, helpful book to get your foot in the door. The cover letter and resume advice is spot on. If anything, you will have a better idea of what you'll be asked in an interview and have some idea how to answer. Any preparation at all will help you get a teaching position. I personally believe this is one of the best books out there for teacher-job-seekers. Good luck to you!

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This book is outdated as it was written in 2011. As an alternative certification teacher I was looking for a quality book that provided some insight into the interview process. I received a book that had three interview questions in my area of certification. This book was a waste of time and money and I am very upset that I bought in to the hype of this book. Buyer beware!!!! Do not waste your time and money on this book!!! Be confident in your skills.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I LOVE THIS BOOK
By shirley st. louis
I LOVE THIS BOOK! I am so glad that I spent the money for this one! I had an interview, and I felt so comfortable because this book covered a wide range of topics. Reading this book also made me realize that there were a few things that I needed to look up before I stepped into the lion's den. I think this book also helped me to get the job, but I don't want to jump the gun by saying that...lol.... The biggest thing that I LOVE is the fact that this is an ebook that can be taken anywhere, so you can review questions on your phone while waiting for the interview to take place. Bottom line: Get this!

This 2nd edition is the complete manual on how to package yourself, market your skills in a highly competitive job market. Dr. Pollock offers advice for both traditional and alternative route teachers that will move them from ordinary to formidable candidates. You need to know how to create great resumes, handle phone interviews, group interviews and deal with tough face to face questions. It's all here along with a step-by-step outline on how to negotiate the entire process from job search to job offer. If you plan to teach, then YOU MUST have this book!

Although the first edition of *Teacher Interviews* was an excellent resource for those seeking a teaching position, this second edition is considerably enhanced. The author's conversational, and sometimes humorous, writing style makes the book interesting and easy to read. But the book's real value is in its information. The second edition has two important new features. The first is the chapter on how to handle written questions, phone interviews, group interviews, and the teaching demonstration lesson. These are rarely addressed in other books and have become increasingly more important in recent years. In addition, this is the only book I've seen that provides an in-depth, comprehensive treatment of how alternate route candidates can prepare and succeed in the interview process. If someone is changing careers, then this is the book they must have in their library. In sum, this new second edition is well written, timely, and comprehensive. Prospective teachers will be well served to study this book before they start on their search for a new teaching position.

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I bought this book because after spending five years home with my children, I felt that I had lost my edge; anxiety engulfed me and the thought of being interviewed just made me cringe. This book allowed me to be properly prepared so that I sounded not only intelligent but relaxed, as well. I was asked many similar questions at my interview that I prepared for from the book and I was able to use many of my answers for different questions; sort of a mix and match usage. In my 15 years in the work force I've never had an interview go so well. With the job market as tight as it is, yes even for teachers, I had one interview this summer, but I aced it. I just started my new job and couldn't be happier. Thank God for this book!

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This book helped me land my dream job. Before buying this book, I had a few interviews and left feeling great about them every time, but never got any follow-up calls. While reading this book, I realized I'd been doing everything wrong, from the way I was dressing for my interviews to the way I answered the questions. Almost every single question I've ever been asked in an interview was in this book. It's a must have.

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