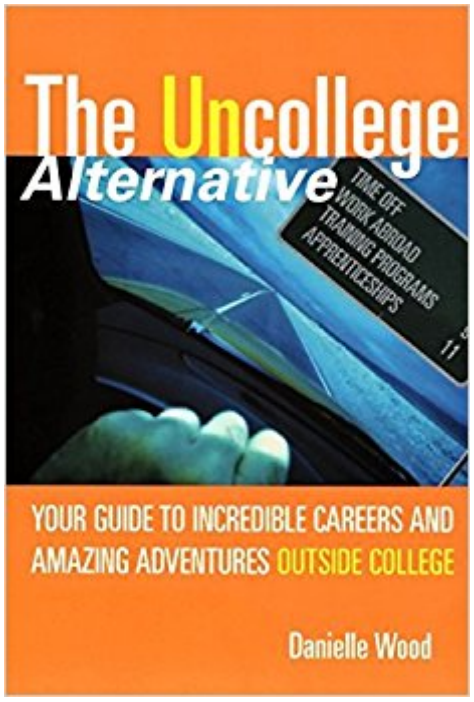
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Synopsis

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Wood's engaging debut is part pep talk and part advice manual for those who want to skip college either temporarily or permanently. Although Wood doesn't cite the statistics she uses to argue that a liberal arts degree is not necessary in today's job market, she does make a compelling caseDespecially in the first section, which includes short self-tests designed to help readers determine what career to pursue. The next three sections contain descriptions of specific occupations one can investigate domestically and abroad. These range from temporary internships

on organic farms and entry-level positions at Hollywood talent agencies to careers in adventure travel. Though realistic about job demands and employment prospects, Wood is at times not as informative as necessary: for example, when she discusses applying to Cogswell Polytechnic College or the Culinary Institute of America, she fails to indicate how competitive admission really is. She does, however, give specific contact information and provide the reader with a number of money-earning ideas. Her casual tone will appeal to readers in their late teens and early twenties. Recommended for all public libraries.DCheryl Van Til, Kent Dist. Lib., Comstock Park, MI Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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The book gives you things you can do besides college, for example, Americorps, Cruise ships, Military, teaching English in Japan etc. It also gives information on how to join and sometimes a description of what it’s like to do it. Recommended by me for young adults and for people who are just looking for something to do. Furthermore, if you are deciding to go to college or are in college, check out martynemko.com >> Education & Training and just read some of his articles as well as The Uncollege Alternative. They are worth the time. God Bless!

I bought this book for my 22 year old sister. She’s not a fan of school, but loves to learn new things. She’s also completely undecided on a career or on her next move. In this economy, that’s really a recipe for stagnation and frustration. So, I checked this book out of the library to preview it for her and loved it so much that I bought it. It details lots of options that one rarely hears about (working on a co-op, specific non-profits/NGO’s to work with), as well as reviewing the more traditional non-college options (military, Americorp, etc). It’s extremely casual in tone, non-threatening, up-beat, and very "Can-Do". It emphasizes non-college options that still provide you with a way to live (e.g., eat and have a roof over your head). It also provides specific websites and other resources for following up on its recommendations. I highly recommend this book for its innovation, variety, and it’s enthusiastic embrace of "thinking outside the box." (And yes, my sister is in the process of reading it and has said that she loves it).

Found out students in several colleges are doing some of these ideas after they graduate,to get real

world experience and savings.Good to read for someone who has had a complete turn around (hey,you can plan all you want,but life will happen anyways!) In life, has lessened abilities,but still does not want to drown in,or live life avoiding debt.

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there are other options aside from college. If your son or daughter is not interested in going to college right away this is a good resource!

for any one who feels that they have no idea what they want to do, this is the perfect book for you. It has tips on every thing, from how to get basicaly a free education to how to become a merchant mariner.

For those of us not sure exactly what we want to do next in our lives, or for those just curious about what might have been, this is an incredibly helpful book. Lucid, detailed, and entertaining it is full of fascinating information and helpful advice. It should be compulsory reading for every high schooler - and I highly recommend it for everyone else too. If ever there were a book that might really change your life, this is it.

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