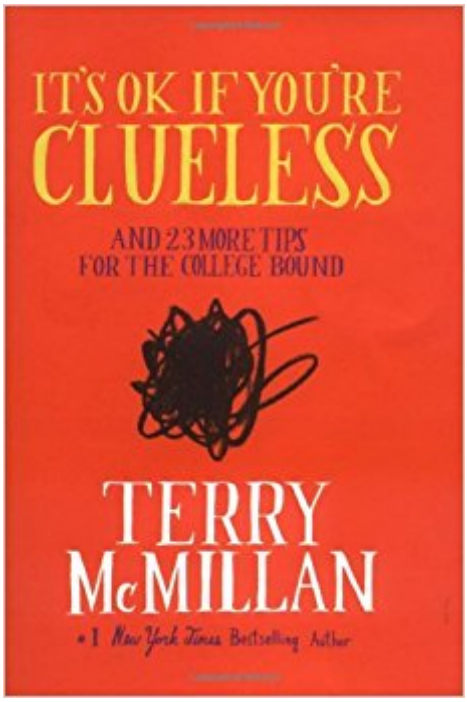
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It's OK If You're Clueless: And 23 More Tips For The College Bound



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Synopsis

When her son Solomon graduated from high school, Terry McMillan was asked to be the guest speaker at the commencement ceremony. Determined not to be dull or redundant, Terry thought back to when she was stepping out into the world for the first time and the things she wished people had told her. Printing up what she thought were the most important tips for these new graduates, Terry was surprised to find that not only were these homemade pamphlets a hit with the students, but their parents clamored for copies too.Now with It’s Ok If You’re Clueless, Terry McMillan brings her trademark wit and sass to every son and daughter about to take their first tentative steps into adulthood. Offering such nuggets as "Sit up straight," "Don’t listen to your parents," and "Bring your laundry home," as well as "See the world" and "Read anything and everything," It’s Ok If You’re Clueless is packed with the commonsense advice and conversational tone that have made her novels classic bestsellers. Equal parts witty and wise, It’s Ok If You’re Clueless is the perfect gift for the college bound this May.

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Customer Reviews

It’s a treat to hear the often-cranky McMillan’s motherly, caring side sneak out, which it does on this audiobook born of a speech she gave to son Solomon’s high school graduating class. Notwithstanding Floyd’s sassy sista-girl voice with a Terry-like accent, listeners familiar with McMillan’s voice might feel shortchanged that she did not narrate this single disc. Otherwise, this music-free CD is perfect for a young adult attention span: short, funny, hip, yet insightful and

heartfelt. After the introductionÃ¢â ¬â •which explains that the speech covers what McMillan wished she'd known as a high school graduate in the class of 1969Ã¢â ¬â •are 23 commonsense tips (from "Sit up straight and walk tall" to "Don't listen to your parents") to guide young adults through the confusing sea of hormones and homework, influences and inspirations. The nurturing tone only underscores how much more momentous it might have been if McMillan herself had narrated this important departure from her bestselling relationship-based fiction. And her money's where her mouth is: the introduction notes that Solomon graduated from Stanford University in last month. Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.
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"McMillan is a superb storyteller and a woman possessed of a clear musical magic with words ... fully engaging, funny ... and well worth reading." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I gave a copy of this book to my daughter and her 2 BBFs as part of their graduation presents, because it sums up life in little witty bits.

I gave this book to someone as a gift. She had a few ideas of what she wanted to go to college for, but was undecided which one to choose. It bothered her going into college not knowing exactly what she wanted to major in. Even though everyone around her told her those feeling were normal I guess reading it made it better. This book was perfect, it let her know those feeling were normal (like we told her) and that after a few classes it would come to her. I guess heating it from a strange made her believe what everyone around her was telling her. After her 1st year of college she decided on her childhood dream and is on her way to becoming a pediatrian. I think this is the perfect gift fo any student entering college that is undecided or scared. It gives great advice, tells how parents and students feel about the transition of leaving the "nest".

Its an OK book for the high school grad. I find its brevity appealing. I gave it to my daughter who read it on a short flight. A bit of a pep talk - confidence boosting would've been a great addition. All in all, its OK - while not very original ideas or pointers for teenagers, its a good refresher.

Non-traditional advice with a quirky, yet no-nonsense tone. It's brevity is also a plus. Can be given to girls or guys as either will appreciate the humor and honesty.

I got the item in good condition and in time as stated. Once again, thanks. Carlos

This slim, slim book is the text of a high school commencement address given to Terry McMillan’s son’s high school graduation class.It reads like it. The hardback covers are thicker than the pages.I can "see" that this could be a popular speech with the high school graduation crowd. Take what your parents say with a grain of salt. Read everything. Travel. Have good posture. Be responsible with alcohol. Exercise.This book is in desperate need of linking its 24 tidbits of advice with a reality check. Reading Playboy is okay for reading everything? McMillan thinks so. Parents really don’t understand the world these new graduates will be facing? Yes, says McMillan.Then there is the little matter of details. Eat right, pronounces McMillan. How? Exercise! When? Money isn’t everything! So... back to the Peace Corps? [No slam to the Peace Corps intended... it isn’t for everybody, but it is incredible for a few.]This reads like a commencement speech that isn’t boring, and that makes the audience laugh. I’m all for an entertaining speech. But to think that it transcends entertainment and becomes of enough value to BUY...?Maybe this book fits into the "read everything" category (hey, it works for me!). I think Dr. Seuss was a lot more entertaining, and at least as wise.Here is the dangerous thing. Great high school students know the entertainment value of a speech like this. Poor students may not. Maybe witty McMillan doesn’t mind. Well, that’s not fair... of course she minds. These (usually) witty comments just don’t deserve to be legitimized in book form ("Do my laundry, Mom... I read it in a book!").Bottom line? This book is a poor investment in the future. If you are looking for a gift for a graduating senior, how about a dictionary, a watch, a resume polishing session, or sponsor a visit to a college. This book is not even big enough for a doorstop.

It is a good guide but most of the advice that is given can be figured out on your own.

This book is really an interesting read. It’s funny, factually serious, and will make you laugh at the same time. As the title suggests, there are times when one will be clueless while in college, or during the middle of an exam, and that is okay because it will balance out eventually. It is a learning experience and not the end!The book is easy reading. The chapters flow very well and the imagery in each chapter is very apparent. The most appealing chapter is about "Doing it with gusto!" Chapter number five is fireworks! Having self confidence, doing it with enthusiasm, and getting it right are ways to live by.There are some golden nuggets to live by in this book. For example, getting a summer job when school is out is a great thing. One should not get sloppy drunk and stay away

from street drugs. Getting physical and staying in shape is a must. It is wonderful to get adequate sleep at night. Eating veggies and making God proud is awesome! These are some golden suggestions mentioned in the book.One can read this book in short order. It is excellent and will stimulate the mind. I have read it twice already.Recommendation of other books to read: Trilogy Moments for the Mind, Body and Soul, and A Trilogy of Poetry, Prose and Thoughts for the Mind, Body and Soul which includes the new Epulaeryu poetic form.

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