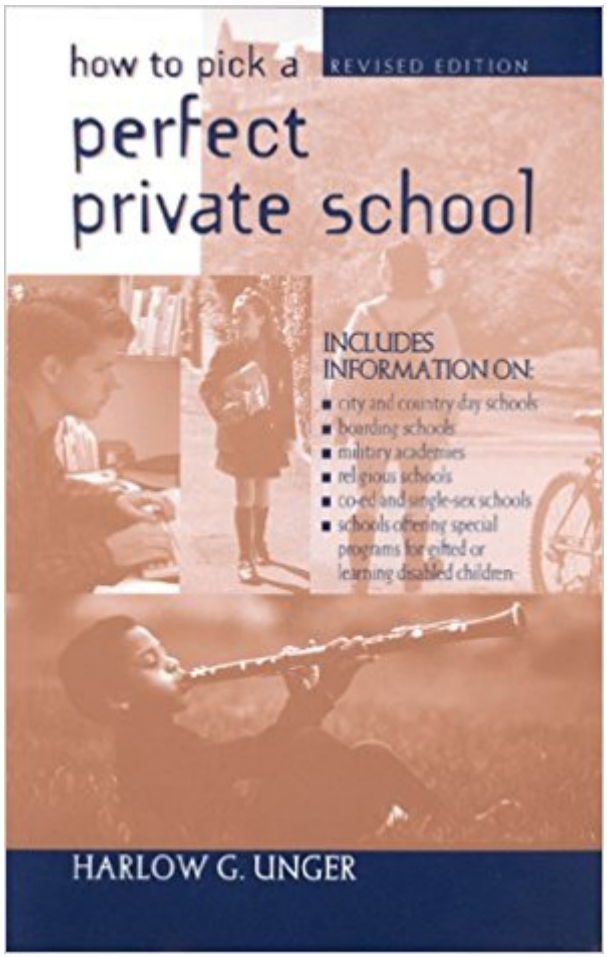
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Customer Reviews

This excellent guide provides a step-by-step approach to choosing a private school. The first three chapters compare private and public education, discuss the importance of defining the needs of each child, and describe the advantages and disadvantages of the various types of private schools. The author also presents eight basic standards for evaluating schools. The volume's final chapter covers the last step in the process, which entails a personal visit to the school. Appendix A contains a detailed evaluation form to be used as a broad guide for evaluating each private school. (Appendixes B and C, which will list member schools of the National Association of Independent Schools and financial aid resources, were not seen). Unger stresses the importance of the research and evaluation process in determining the right school for each child. The book should be very helpful to parents who wish to send their children to private school. Highly recommended for most public libraries.- Barbara S. Meagher, Central Connecticut State Univ., New BritainCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is my 2nd order of the book, I loaned my first copy to someone and purchased a 2nd copy just

in case. The book cover was a mess and pretty disgusting. However, the pages are in great shape. I wish the author would update the book, the information is excellent. I used this book as reference when searching school options 3 years ago. My son is in 7th grade in a junior boarding school and I plan to use the index in this book to research high school options in the next year. We followed the advice in the book and my son loves the school he attends. It was his choice and a perfect fit.A humorous note, my son attended the summer program at this school before applying to the school. He purchased a school bow tie during the summer. Not sure when if I would get my $30 out of a bow tie, I suggested he wear it to his interview. During his interview, the admission director paused the interview and requested a photo - he noticed my son was dressed head to toe in the exact same outfit. My son lives by the nickname "Mini-me" and we still laugh about it.

While I would agree with others that there is a definite (especially in the introduction) bias towards private schools, that is to be expected - the book's title says how to pick the BEST private school; not whether private or public schools are better.Some great topics covered by this book:1) What time is the best to enroll in private school (if the child is already in school and will be transferring)?2) Is it better to pay for private K-12 or a college education if funds are limited?3) What accreditation is important in selecting a private school? (And not to confuse accreditation with certification!)4) Which is better academically, parochial or independent schools?

If you are the kind of parent who believes your children can be wonderful hood ornaments on the vehicle of your personal success, this is the book for you.The author abhors public schools because, as he says, they have to accept EVERYBODY (ugh!). He favors and supports boarding school education for children as young as first grade (only about five years old) so that they can live in a warm, morally consistent (but unloving) environment all year long, and because he feels that the child and his parents will then share only happy memories of carefree summers and holidays, with none of that messy and mutually irritating go-clean-up-your-room-and-do-your-homework fuss and muss.In other words, he seems to believe that children are better raised by goal-oriented institutions, who see their students as a product being readied for the marketplace, than by their parents rearing their own offspring as a gesture of love and tenderness.As a teacher, and as aparent of private-school kids, I found the author's attitude completely offensive, and I have to say that this is the kind of material that gives private-school families a bad name. I would have given it a "1" rating -- especially because the author supports his point of view with speciously derived and manipulated statistics -- but undoubtedly there are parents who do subscribe to his point of view,

and will benefit from this book.

The perfect mannual for any parent considering sending their child to a private school. The book will be especially useful to families with older children who are considering going to baording school. The book covers issues concerning the application process, questions parents should ask, visting the school, and different types of schools including military school, schools for the gifted, and schools for the learning disabled. There's also a short listing of schools in the back listed by state grade, whether or not their coeducational, boarding schools, schools for the disabled, military schools, etc. However, you'll need a private school directory such as Peterson's in order to find out any info. about the schools.

Despite a virulent anti-public school bias, Unger's guide to picking a private school has some helpful information and tips on choosing a private school. Frankly, however, anyone who needs this type of hand-holding to get through the private school application process, is probably not private school material. Unger's best tip is to buy the Peterson's guide to secondary schools.

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