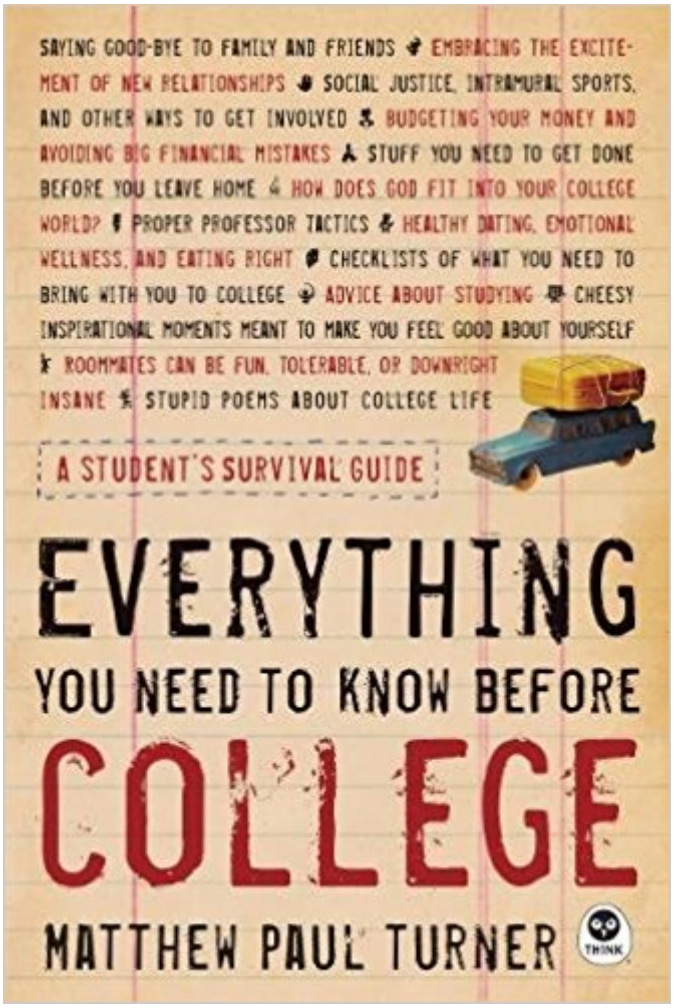
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THIS IS IT. THE ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS. [about college anyway] College. The utopian playground with no curfews, endless dating possibilities, and a blank check to write your own future. Complete freedom. But then you wake up and discover you've traded your private room at home for a 12x12 cinder-block cell with a stranger. No more free meals. No personal laundry service. Trips to the shower now require flip-flops. Wait, why are you doing this again? Never fear, we're here to help. Everything You Need to Know Before College is a definitive, one-stop survival guide to the opportunities, challenges, and potential pitfalls of college life. More than just an introduction to university living, this book leaves no collegiate stone unturned as we explore: Being on your own for the first time Adapting to different personalities Dating smart in a no-rules environment Finding crucial friendships and Christian support How to make the most of your money Matthew Paul Turner turns the standard collegiate guide inside out, sharing insight with his unique twist of irreverent humor and bold honesty that will help you make the best choices for your life after high school.

Matthew Paul Turner is the author of The Christian Culture Survival Guide (Relevant), The

Coffeehouse Gospel (Relevant), Mind Games: Advice, Stories and Truth For Thinking Free (Tyndale), and Provocative Faith: Walking Away From Ordinary (Revell). Formerly the editor of CCM magazine and the music and entertainment editor of Crosswalk.com, Matthew is known for his shockingly honest portraits of culture, sidesplitting humor, and uncompromising passion. He and his wife, Jessica, live in Nashville.

This review is based on the Kindle version.Turner’s survival book for college is helpful and insightful, however, consistent errors and flubs make this book a chore to read. For starters, the book is riddled with typos that could be fixed with simple stroke of the space bar. One of my favorite typos in this book was when the author was rattling off steps on a checklist prior to college:Step #: GET YOUR EAR’S OIL CHANGED.I wish I was kidding about that (and regardless, the pure absurdity of it makes it hilarious, so I guess it kind of isn’t all that bad). But the one word that pops into my mind as I read this book is: unprofessionalism.My views toward this stance were only strengthened with the author’s seemingly inability to recognize that he is writing to a broad audience. With a title like "Everything You Need To Know Before College: A Student’s Survival Guide", the audience reading the book is going to be broad. Therefore, I do not understand why the author consistently writes this book gearing toward a Christian audience. I have no problem with someone’s beliefs, but when I am constantly reading that I should "Talk to God" or "Suppress your evangelical urges", I feel a little awkward. Interestingly enough, the contradictory advice on withholding the urge to spread your belief upon others is consequently broken numerously throughout the book as Turner attempts to shed his beliefs upon the reader.The advice is sound, the personable voice is present, but the unprofessionalism is prevalent.

A handy book indeed for most college students to take a look for. It’s not the end all of advice, and perhaps you will have seen what some of it says, however, it can be very beneficial to most traditional students whether they’re ready to take on the world or they are a little scared about it.

Gave as a gift and have had no feedback yet.

Perfect timing! I picked this book to review because my son is currently in his Senior year of high school. He has been homeschooled all his life and I was hoping this book would help him (and me) prepare physically and mentally for the big adjustment that is awaiting him in college. I was really pleased with the way the heavy subjects like sex, drugs, alcohol, etc. were discussed - in a tactful

yet somehow light manner. Never preachy but definitely making the point. The author, Matthew Paul Turner, has a strange obsession with the TV series, A Full House, but is quite hilarious throughout the book. Here is a funny little example: "I believe each of you, no matter your major, school or intelligence level, can find success at college. Success is why you're reading this book, correct? That, and the fact that your mother or father just handed it to you and said "Read this book." You probably looked at him or her and said, "Why should I?" And then your parent looked at you and said , "Because I got it on sale at Wal-mart, and I believe it will really help you get prepared for college." I'm not offended by your initial reaction to my book. I admit, I've written a somewhat geeky book."I don't think his book is geeky, Quirky, yes. Geeky, no. Chapters include: Getting ready, Relationships, Lifestyle, Education, Wellness, Money, Involvement and Fun, which includes throughout bullet points, lists, checklists, comments from other students, and interesting college stories. No stone is left unturned as Mr. Turner discusses all subjects that a college student might have to face on their own. I really liked the Bible verse sections in each chapter titled "Four verses from Psalm 16 that every college student should know" or "Half a verse from Proverbs 17 that every college student should know."Without a doubt, the author is the best part of this book. He presents ordinary information in a lighthearted, comical way while telling high school/college students what they really need to hear but would probably tune out any other adult. I highly recommend this book for any parent who is interested in helping their child embrace the joys of college life while avoiding the pitfalls.Lucky me! I received this book free from NavPress Publishers as part of their Blogger Review Program. (Check out my blog) I was not required to write a positive review and anyone who knows me knows that the opinions I have expressed are truly my own.

Yes, I've got a Bachelor's degree. Yes, I have a Master's degree. No, I'm not planning to go back to college for any degree or undercover for the FBI (although I would be open to that ... college was awesome).But I do work with a lot of college students, and high school students who are about to go to college. And I did go to college once, so this book intrigued me.It's called "A student's survival guide," and I would say that it is just what it claims to be. Everything You Need to Know Before College by Matthew Paul Turner actually lives up to its title.Turner makes an attempt to truly cover everything a young person would need to know before going to college. From spirituality to laundry, Turner goes as far as putting a packing checklist in the back of the book.Although many of the spiritual and sexual issues addressed in the book (including checking to see if your college allows birth control) apply only to conservative religious institutions, Turner does not confine his material to "Being a Christian in College" as I had expected. Although he does address spirituality, it is neither

preachy nor proselytizing and really does allow the reader to make his or her own path as they enter academia and dorm life.I would highly recommend this as a gift book for a high school graduate or new college freshman at any university.Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from NavPress Publishers as part of their Blogger Review Program. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commision's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

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