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# Been There, Should've Done That: Tips For Making The Most Of College



## Synopsis

In this unintimidating, pocket-sized book, students from colleges across the U.S. share their "hot tips" and solid strategies for success. Their revelations - and confessions - provide a "tell it like it is" manual that will help new collegians, as well as veterans avoid the pitfalls of campus life and maximize the countless resources. Data confirms that retention of college students is based on their success in and out of the classroom. This savvy, easy-reader reveals the academic and lifestyle management skills necessary for that success.

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## Customer Reviews

Suzette Tyler is a former academic adviser at Michigan State University where she counseled students during their critical freshmen and sophomore years as they were adjusting to the academic and social demands of college. Through her countless conversations with these students, and often during the heartfelt self-revelations of probation conferences, it became clear that some of the best advice ever comes from the students themselves. With that, Ms. Tyler began interviewing students from colleges throughout the country, as well as talking with instructors, professors and admissions officers from a variety of institutions. Based on these interviews, Mrs. Tyler produced "Been There, Should've Done That - 995 tips for making the most of college" which provides collegians with solid advice for college success in an engaging, non-textbook format. She also collaborated with Cheryl Rilly and Valerie Pierce in editing the book, Countdown to College: 21 'To Do' Lists for High School.

Rather than a graduation card, I like to give this to kids heading to college. It's an easy read with great tips from students who have 'been there' and did it...or didn't do it.

MY GRANDSON AND HIS PARENTS FOUND IT USEFUL.

I LOVE THIS

I'm a faculty member at a large state university -- 26,000 kids -- and I was looking around for a book that would give my son good advice about what to expect during his Freshman year. I'm glad I happened on Suzette Tyler's "Been There, Should've Done That" as it "tells it like it is"! (smile) Excellent, practical advice -- a book that the reader will want to pick up and browse over and over again. This modest, casual little paperback will make a perfect high school graduation gift for that special person in your life headed off to college as -- while they think they know what to expect -- they really don't, and this book will at least give them a "head's-up." (smile) Here's a sampling: Roommate Roulette "I was really pretty shy, so rooming with a friend gave me the confidence to meet more people and try more things." (St. Mary's College) "My best friend latched onto a guy the first week of school. I might as well have roomed alone!" (Michigan State University) "Go for it. If it works out, you've made a friend for life. If it doesn't, it's only temporary. Nothing ventured, nothing gained." (University of Colorado) "Your best friend may be a slob, but it never bothers you -- until you have to live with it." (Ohio University) Great layout, large, varied print makes the book visually interesting and the advice is from students all over the country from a wide variety of colleges and universities. Buy it! This one's a keeper, full of good, practical advice! R. Neil Scott Middle Tennessee State University

Now THIS is a really great little college book. It's literally filled with extremely useful advice from the first page to the last, all from the lips of college students who "learned" from their mistakes. Very fast and entertaining read as well, definitely an excellent buy for anybody about to enter college. Just an extra note, this 505 tips for making college easier is similar to the title "101 Things College girl should know" and "101 Things College guy should know." ...this is a MUCH better buy for your money. The latter 2 books are the most useless excuses for books I've found...with tips like drink 8 glasses of water a day and...similar common sense. Buy "505" instead, you'll be glad.

What I liked the best about the book is that it's told in students' own words -- students from a number of colleges commenting on topics ranging from how to schedule classes to handling homesickness to handling finances to getting along with that up-all-night roommate. You're getting the real scoop on college life from the people who are LIVING it, not what the admission literature says. As a student affairs professional, this is the kind of "quick read" resource I'm going to buy (on , of course) to make available to my students.

Face it: Kids listen to other kids more readily than to parents or teachers. That's the beauty of this little book. Just about all of its pithy advice -- on everything from coping with roommate troubles and campus crime to developing good study habits -- comes from college students themselves. Easy reading, it's the perfect book to send off with your favorite college students in the fall

A very good read that will keep one's attention until the end. Although much of it will strike a chord as common sense, it naturally wouldn't dawn upon most for at least a year or more. Since *Been There...* is made up of quotes from college students, it reads more like a conversation. All the ideas are down to earth & they sound much better coming from those there than from adults who have been away for some time.

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