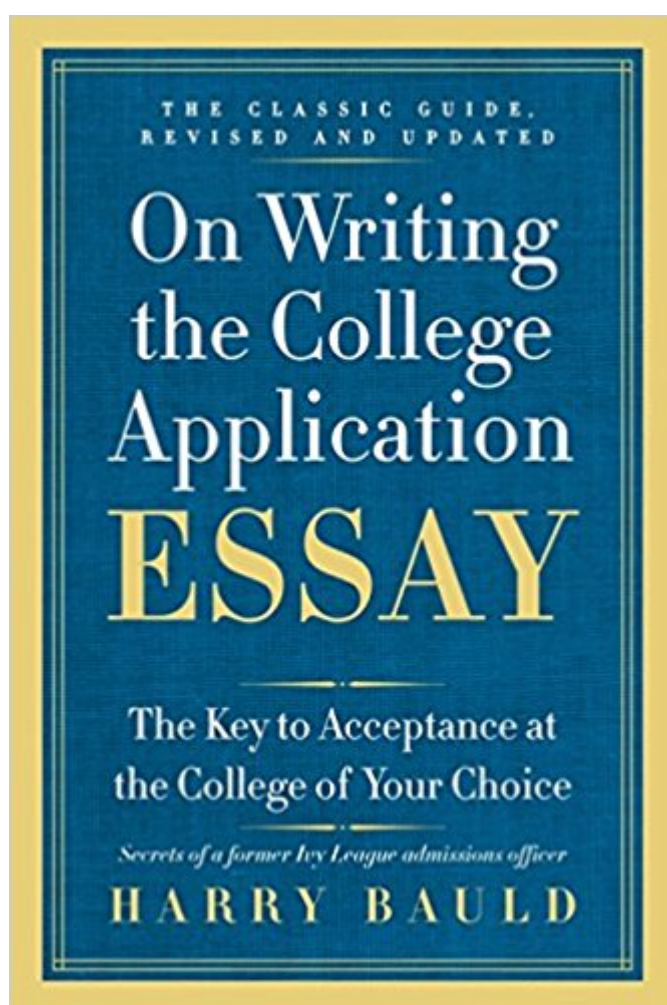


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# On Writing The College Application Essay, 25th Anniversary Edition: The Key To Acceptance At The College Of Your Choice



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A newly revised edition of a perennial favorite, *On Writing the College Application Essay* by Harry Bauld—formerly an admissions officer at Brown University and assistant director of admissions at Columbia University—is an insider's guide to writing a college application essay that will stand out from the pack.

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"He takes the sting out of an intimidating process, and he helped me become not only a stronger applicant but also a better writer once I got to college."--Ina Scherl, Brown University, class of 1989A

I bought this book before my senior year for an essay writing course. I thought that it was a great

read and that upcoming seniors should give it a read. Bauld delivers the reality of being an admissions counselor and puts in perspective what it is like for someone to have to read the same boring, simplistic essay over and over again, and offers solid advice to the writers.

What a great book. I can't believe I'm reading about the college application process and laughing out loud. Just buy it. And read it in an afternoon.

I got this book a year ago as a transfer student from a community college. I applied to a top college in US and with the tips from this book I got accepted yesterday! This book is easy to read and is great whether you're going straight from high school or transferring from another college. Bauld is a former admissions officer who really knows what he's talking about. I actually enjoyed reading this book because he is truly a great writer himself. A+ tips for writing your personal statement and/or essay writing in general!

This is, hands down, the single most important factor for my admission to the school I am at now, Swarthmore College. Pretty good SATs (>2300) might also have really helped, but my grades sucked. I credit my essay with tipping my app towards that fat acceptance letter. I'm not a humanities guy. I'm really into math and science. I like to think I have really good ideas, but suck a lot at getting them expressed concretely onto paper. Yet, this book helped me ground all the swirling thoughts in my head into one short page, 1000 words. It may have been published in 1978, but it's still 100% relevant in today's college environment. It's funny, filled with examples, and quite a joy to read. Even now, I'm getting it as a gift for some rising high school seniors as they embark on their undergrad app journey. Highly recommend. Love this book.

Buy this book! It's totally worth the money. You'll be glad you did. I appreciate the information not only on essays but on other aspects of the application such as the importance of scores, and how to ask for a letter of recommendation. I really feel like I know my audience of admissions officers better now. I also have learned more about the editing process, and have gotten to read officer's reactions to different essays.

This book is very helpful for juniors and seniors writing college essays.

This was the first book I picked up to help me with the college essay writing process and it turned

out to be the only book that I needed. Concise, engaging and thorough, the book offered me a view of the admissions officers side of the process that helped me shape my essay into something that was unique and stood out from the others. I had an average GPA, good test scores, and average extracurriculars, so it was pretty much up to the essay to determine whether or I would get into college. Surely enough, I'm going off to a top 10 school this fall and I attribute most of my success this to this book!

This book is very well-written and provides a wealth of information about college essays. It is not so much a roadmap to writing the college essay, but rather a very insightful overview of general points that admissions staff look for in these essays. We found it a useful read in conjunction with a more pragmatic guide to writing the essay.

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