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**Heavenly Essays** - Janine Robinson  
2014-05-14

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The Gatekeepers - Jacques Steinberg  
2003-07-29

In the fall of 1999, New York Times education reporter Jacques Steinberg was given an unprecedented opportunity to observe the admissions process at prestigious Wesleyan University. Over the course of nearly a year, Steinberg accompanied admissions officer Ralph Figueroa on a tour to assess and recruit the most promising students in the country. The Gatekeepers follows a diverse group of prospective students as they compete for places in the nation's most elite colleges. The first book to reveal the college

admission process in such behind-the-scenes detail, The Gatekeepers will be required reading for every parent of a high school-age child and for every student facing the arduous and anxious task of applying to college. "[The Gatekeepers] provides the deep insight that is missing from the myriad how-to books on admissions that try to identify the formula for getting into the best colleges...I really didn't want the book to end." —The New York Times

Academic Writing - Stephen Bailey  
2003-12-16

Ideal for overseas students studying at English-medium colleges and universities, this practical writing course enables international students to meet the required standard of writing and use an appropriate

style for essays, exams and dissertations. Newly revised and updated to include extra exercises and material suggested by teachers and students, *Academic Writing* explains and demonstrates all the key writing skills and is ideal for use in the classroom or for independent study. Useful at every stage of an academic career and beyond, this indispensable book features: different styles and formats from CVs and letters to formal essays a focus on accuracy coverage of all stages of writing, from understanding titles to checking your work essential academic writing skills such as proper referencing, summarising and paraphrasing diagrams and practice exercises, complete with answers.

*On Writing the College Application Essay, 25th Anniversary Edition* - Harry Bauld  
2012-08-07

What does an admissions officer look for in a college application essay? You. It's that

simple. There's no formula, no trick, no strategy, says Harry Bauld, a former Ivy League admissions officer. But with acceptance rates at all-time lows, just being yourself in an essay means understanding your readers and the unique form in which you are writing. In this fully revised and updated edition of the classic guide to writing the best essay of your life, Bauld reveals the big clichés (The Trip, The Jock, Miss America, Pet Death) and helps you discover ways to come alive on the page as a real person instead of applicant number 13,791.

**Escape Essay Hell!** - Janine Robinson  
2013-11-03

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**Colleges That Change Lives** - Loren Pope  
2006-07-25

Prospective college students and their parents have been relying on Loren Pope's

expertise since 1995, when he published the first edition of this indispensable guide. This new edition profiles 41 colleges—all of which outdo the Ivies and research universities in producing performers, not only among A students but also among those who get Bs and Cs. Contents include: Evaluations of each school's program and "personality" Candid assessments by students, professors, and deans Information on the progress of graduates This new edition not only revisits schools listed in previous volumes to give readers a comprehensive assessment, it also addresses such issues as homeschooling, learning disabilities, and single-sex education.

**Acing the College Application** - Michele Hernandez 2007-08-28

With so many qualified applicants, competition for college admissions is fiercer than ever. Now you can put yourself ahead of the pack by making your application

flawless! When applying for college, good grades and high standardized test scores are not always enough to guarantee admission. What sets you apart, argues Michele Hernández, is the way you describe yourself in your application. But how do you present yourself with flair, and highlight all your talents, skills, and passions, in just a few pages? A former assistant director of admissions at Dartmouth College, Dr. Hernández takes you step-by-step through the entire application process, revealing the details that make or break an applicant. From the multitude of short and longer essays to the myriad of charts, lists, and personal data sections, she offers essential advice, useful anecdotes, and vivid examples. Included are: • A line-by-line look at the common application • The truth about the essays, with samples of those that made the grade • The best way to ask for teacher and guidance counselor recommendations •

When to provide colleges with optional essays and peer evaluations • The ten common myths and misconceptions of the on-campus interview • The most meaningful academic subjects, work experience, and extracurricular activities to mention • Early action versus early decision—the trade offs

With this helpful, savvy book, prospective college students—and their parents and counselors—can now vastly improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice. “Want to scale the Ivy wall? Michele Hernández gives you the tools to do it. This brisk, no-nonsense book is built on inside dope, and Hernández’s experience allows her to challenge conventional admissions thinking.” —HARRY BAULD Author of *On Writing the College Application Essay Accepted! 50 Successful College Admission Essays* - Gen Tanabe 2017

"A resource to help students write the college admissions essay with tips on

selecting a topic and recycling essays and an essay-writing workshop. Includes 50 examples of successful essays, 25 essay-writing mistakes, and writing strategies from admission officers"--

Colleges that Change Lives - Loren Pope 1996

The distinctive group of forty colleges profiled here is a well-kept secret in a status industry. They outdo the Ivies and research universities in producing winners. And they work their magic on the B and C students as well as on the A students. Loren Pope, director of the College Placement Bureau, provides essential information on schools that he has chosen for their proven ability to develop potential, values, initiative, and risk-taking in a wide range of students. Inside you'll find evaluations of each school's program and personality to help you decide if it's a community that's right for you; interviews with students that offer

an insider's perspective on each college; professors' and deans' viewpoints on their school, their students, and their mission; and information on what happens to the graduates and what they think of their college experience. Loren Pope encourages you to be a hard-nosed consumer when visiting a college, advises how to evaluate a school in terms of your own needs and strengths, and shows how the college experience can enrich the rest of your life.

Microeconometrics - A. Colin Cameron  
2005-05-09

This book provides the most comprehensive treatment to date of microeconometrics, the analysis of individual-level data on the economic behavior of individuals or firms using regression methods for cross section and panel data. The book is oriented to the practitioner. A basic understanding of the linear regression model with matrix algebra is assumed. The text can be used for a

microeconometrics course, typically a second-year economics PhD course; for data-oriented applied microeconometrics field courses; and as a reference work for graduate students and applied researchers who wish to fill in gaps in their toolkit.

Distinguishing features of the book include emphasis on nonlinear models and robust inference, simulation-based estimation, and problems of complex survey data. The book makes frequent use of numerical examples based on generated data to illustrate the key models and methods. More substantially, it systematically integrates into the text empirical illustrations based on seven large and exceptionally rich data sets.

*The Short Bus* - Jonathan Mooney  
2008-05-27

The author recounts a four-month cross-country trip to meet children and adults who have triumphed over learning disabilities and have gone on to lead successful lives.

**B+ Grades, A+ College Application** - Joie Jager-Hyman 2013-07-23

This alternative college guide from a former Dartmouth assistant admissions director-turned-consultant gives non-straight-A students advice on the many options available to them and tips on how to identify, gain admittance to, and pay for the schools that will allow them to flourish. Less-than-perfect grades? No problem! Contrary to popular opinion, you don't need to have a 4.0 GPA or a perfect jump shot to get into a good college. This insider's guide reveals easy tweaks that will pay off big-time in showing admissions officers that you as a whole—not just your SAT scores—are a perfect fit for their incoming class. With stellar advice on getting into schools that will allow you to thrive, this handbook reveals how to: Find great colleges that are a good match for your strengths (and will overlook less-relevant weaknesses)

Painlessly beef up your application Tailor extracurriculars to showcase your uniqueness Make sure your recommendation letters emphasize the right qualities Write original essays that reveal traits beyond your transcript Make an impression on admissions officers and college interviewers Create an early-admissions strategy to increase your likelihood of acceptance Help your chances if you're deferred Get into brand-name schools through the side door Communicate about learning disabilities or special circumstances Get scholarship money based on attributes other than grades Customize your financial aid strategy BONUS: Includes an appendix of 130+ selective colleges to consider!

*1868 St. Bernard Parish Massacre, The: Blood in the Cane Fields* - C. Dier 2017 Days before the tumultuous presidential election of 1868, St. Bernard Parish

descended into chaos. As African American men gained the right to vote, white Democrats of the parish feared losing their majority. Armed groups mobilized to suppress these recently emancipated voters in the hopes of regaining a way of life turned upside down by the Civil War and Reconstruction. Freedpeople were dragged from their homes and murdered in cold blood. Many fled to the cane fields to hide from their attackers. The reported number of those killed varies from 35 to 135. The tragedy was hidden, but implications reverberated throughout the South and lingered for generations. Author and historian Chris Dier reveals the horrifying true story behind the St. Bernard Parish Massacre.

**Complete Guide to College Application Essays** - Princeton Review (Firm) 2020  
Contains a comprehensive guide to writing effective college application essays.

The Berkeley Book of College Essays - Janet Huseby 2007

This lively collection of successful college admissions essays from the kids at Berkeley High reflects the diversity and eclectic interests of urban and suburban students at public schools where academic ambition, gender issues, life on the streets, and love for math, music, and art are all a part of the mix.

**A Guide to Writing College Admissions Essays** - Cory M. Franklin 2021

"This book is a handy, readable manual, which deals with the practical problems students face when writing their college admission essays"--

Admission Matters - Sally P. Springer  
2017-03-29

Make sense of college admissions and prepare a successful application Admission Matters offers comprehensive, expert, and practical advice for parents and students to



guide them through the college admissions process. From building a college list, to understanding standardized tests, to obtaining financial aid, to crafting personal statements, to making a final decision, this book guides you every step of the way with clear, sensible advice and practical tips. This new fourth edition has been completely updated to reflect the latest changes in college admissions. including new developments in standardized testing, applications, financial aid and more. Questionnaires, interactive forms, checklists, and other tools help you stay focused and organized throughout the process.. With the answers you need and a down-to-earth perspective, this book provides an invaluable resource for stressed-out students and parents everywhere. Applying to college can be competitive and complex. Admission Matters offers real-world expert advice for

all students, whether you're aiming an Ivy or the state school close to home. It also includes much needed guidance for students with special circumstances, including students with disabilities, international students, and transfer students. In addition, athletes, artists and performers, and homeschoolers will find valuable guidance as they plan for and apply to college. Understand how the admissions process works and what you can and cannot control Learn how to build a strong list of good-fit colleges Craft a strong application package with a compelling personal statement Get expert advice on early admissions, financial aid, standardized testing, and much more Make a final decision that is the right one for you Whether you think you've got applying to college under control or don't even know where to begin, Admission Matters is your expert guide throughout the college

admissions process.

*The Glass Castle* - Jeannette Walls

2007-01-02

A triumphant tale of a young woman and her difficult childhood, *The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience, redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and wonderfully vibrant. Jeannette Walls was the second of four children raised by anti-institutional parents in a household of extremes.

**Write Your Way In** - Rachel Toor

2017-08-03

Writing, for most of us, is bound up with anxiety. It's even worse when it feels like your whole future—or at least where you'll spend the next four years in college—is on the line. It's easy to understand why so many high school seniors put off working on their applications until the last minute or end up with a generic and clichéd essay.

The good news? You already have the “secret sauce” for crafting a compelling personal essay: your own experiences and your unique voice. The best essays rarely catalog how students have succeeded or achieved. Good writing shows the reader how you've struggled and describes mistakes you've made. Excellent essays express what you're fired up about, illustrate how you think, and illuminate the ways you've grown. More than twenty million students apply to college every year; many of them look similar in terms of test scores, grades, courses taken, extracurricular activities. Admissions officers wade through piles of files. As an applicant, you need to think about what will interest an exhausted reader. What can you write that will make her argue to admit you instead of the thousands of other applicants? A good essay will be conversational and rich in vivid details, and it could only be written by one

person—you. This book will help you figure out how to find and present the best in yourself. You'll acquire some useful tools for writing well—and may even have fun—in the process.

*College Essay Essentials* - Ethan Sawyer  
2016-07-01

Writing an amazing college admission essay is easier than you think! So you're a high school senior given the task of writing a 650-word personal statement for your college application. Do you tell the story of your life, or a story from your life? Do you choose a single moment? If so, which one? The options seem endless. Lucky for you, they're not. College counselor Ethan Sawyer (aka The College Essay Guy) will show you that there are only four (really, four!) types of college admission essays. And all you have to do to figure out which type is best for you is answer two simple questions: 1. Have you experienced significant challenges

in your life? 2. Do you know what you want to be or do in the future? With these questions providing the building blocks for your essay, Sawyer guides you through the rest of the process, from choosing a structure to revising your essay, and answers the big questions that have probably been keeping you up at night: How do I brag in a way that doesn't sound like bragging? and How do I make my essay, like, deep? Packed with tips, tricks, exercises, and sample essays from real students who got into their dream schools, *College Essay Essentials* is the only college essay guide to make this complicated process logical, simple, and (dare we say it?) a little bit fun.

*Graduate Admissions Essays* - Donald Asher  
2008

Veteran higher-education consultant Donald Asher demystifies the graduate school application process and offers a detailed

action plan that has proved successful for some of the most competitive programs in the country. The 50 sample essays-selected from thousands of candidates-showcase the best of the best, while the Essay Hall of Shame identifies common pitfalls to avoid. Sample letters of recommendation and essays for scholarships, residencies, fellowships, and postgraduate and postdoctoral applications cover all stages of the application process. Teaches how to craft a winning essay with 50 state-of-the-art samples to inspire, instruct, and all but guarantee a top-of-the-pile application. Updated third edition includes an entirely new chapter dedicated to online applications and how they're managed, processed, and considered. Previous editions have sold 100,000 copies.

College Admission Essentials - Ethan Sawyer  
2020-07-21

You can get into the perfect school! You

may think that getting an acceptance letter from selective colleges and universities is a mad dash to the top that only the very best students survive, and those who make it are just the lucky ones. Stress levels soar as it feels like the bar is rising higher and everything is out of your control. But that's not true! You can take control, and you can do it in a way that's as effective as it is empowering. From describing your extracurriculars to interviews with admission officers, it comes down to two questions: What matters most to you? How does it manifest in your life? The answers will give direction to every part of the admission process. Ethan Sawyer (the College Essay Guy), along with dozens of top admission experts, will help you stand out by showing colleges and universities how your values and your drive will change you, your alma mater, and the world. Inside you'll find... Advice and insight from a team of

counselors, advisors, and deans of admission Interactive exercises that quickly and easily provide the best content for your application Access to a massive database of online resources, including organizational tools and in-depth guides Guidance for veterans, students with learning differences, LGBTQ+ students, students interested in women's colleges or HBCUs, and more [www.collegeessayguy.com](http://www.collegeessayguy.com)

**50 Successful Ivy League Application Essays** - Gen S. Tanabe 2012

"Includes advice from college admissions officers and the 25 essay mistakes that guarantee failure."

*The House on Mango Street* - Sandra Cisneros 2013-04-30

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A coming-of-age classic, acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught in schools and universities alike, and translated around the world—from the winner of the 2019

PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature. *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero, a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Told in a series of vignettes—sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous—Sandra Cisneros' masterpiece is a classic story of childhood and self-discovery. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers. "Cisneros draws on her rich [Latino] heritage...and seduces with precise, spare prose, creat[ing] unforgettable characters we want to lift off the page. She is not only a gifted writer, but an absolutely essential one." —The New York Times Book Review

**Best College Admissions Essays 2018** - Gabrielle Glancy 2018-10-30  
*America's Best College Admissions Essays*  
*College Application Essays Stand Out* - Get

*In: Avoid Common Mistakes and Write Stand Out Essays* - Randy Levin 2018-07-27

Learn the secrets to become a highly desirable candidate. Discover the purpose of the essay and what admission officers are looking for. Recognize what not to do so you don't waste valuable time. Learn to set yourself apart from all the other applicants with step by step explanations delivered with humor as well as numerous examples from successful students. "Perfect for parents and students...clear command of the material... obvious expertise...can't recommend highly enough. Engaging and funny... " Terrence Hinson, Assistant Principal: Northport High School, NY "A strength of your approach to college application essays should not be undervalued. You take an often-overwhelming project and make it feel approachable, staying consistent with what we hear colleges want" Matthew P. Spatz,

Director of Guidance: Northern Valley Regional High School District, N

**How to Prepare a Standout College Application** - Alison Cooper Chisolm 2013-08-06

Demystifying the process of completing a college application Written by two former admissions officers at top universities and current admissions coaches, this book is a must-have for preparing a winning college application. The authors reveal the mystery behind what college admissions officers are looking for and show applicants how to leverage their credentials, stand out in the over-crowded applicants' pool, and make a genuine, memorable impression. This is the book that will help the college-bound get off the "like many others" pile and onto the acceptance list. Includes instructions and examples for every component of the college application, from writing the essay to answering questions like "Why do you

want to go to College X?" Shows how to avoid underestimating the importance of critical features on any application Includes the latest information on the Common Application 4.0 and corrects outdated, holdover advice still stressed in many other books This book is filled with step-by-step advice that students and parents can use immediately and will refer to again and again.

**Geek Love** - Katherine Dunn 2011-05-25 National Book Award finalist Here is the unforgettable story of the Binewskis, a circus-geek family whose matriarch and patriarch have bred their own exhibit of human oddities (with the help of amphetamine, arsenic, and radioisotopes). Their offspring include Arturo the Aquaboy, who has flippers for limbs and a megalomaniac ambition worthy of Genghis Khan . . . Iphy and Elly, the lissome Siamese twins . . . albino hunchback Oly, and the

outwardly normal Chick, whose mysterious gifts make him the family's most precious—and dangerous—asset. As the Binewskis take their act across the backwaters of the U.S., inspiring fanatical devotion and murderous revulsion; as its members conduct their own Machiavellian version of sibling rivalry, Geek Love throws its sulfurous light on our notions of the freakish and the normal, the beautiful and the ugly, the holy and the obscene. Family values will never be the same.

[Gateway to American Economics](#) - Iris Fu 2019-09

Gateway to American Economics: An Introduction For Young Students On Their Way is filled with easy-to-follow graphical illustrations, designed for curious middle school and budding high school students. The book covers topics including American business forms, market structures, economic indicators, taxation, fiscal policy,

monetary policy, economic history, and the state of the US economy. For more information, visit <https://seethevoices.org/gatewaytoamerican/economics/>

[Race Matters, 25th Anniversary](#) - Cornel West 2017-12-05

The twenty-fifth-anniversary edition of the groundbreaking classic, with a new introduction First published in 1993, on the one-year anniversary of the Los Angeles riots, *Race Matters* became a national best seller that has gone on to sell more than half a million copies. This classic treatise on race contains Dr. West's most incisive essays on the issues relevant to black Americans, including the crisis in leadership in the Black community, Black conservatism, Black-Jewish relations, myths about Black sexuality, and the legacy of Malcolm X. The insights Dr. West brings to these complex problems remain relevant, provocative,

creative, and compassionate. In a new introduction for the twenty-fifth-anniversary edition, Dr. West argues that we are in the midst of a spiritual blackout characterized by imperial decline, racial animosity, and unchecked brutality and terror as seen in Baltimore, Ferguson, and Charlottesville. Calling for a moral and spiritual awakening, Dr. West finds hope in the collective and visionary resistance exemplified by the Movement for Black Lives, Standing Rock, and the Black freedom tradition. Now more than ever, *Race Matters* is an essential book for all Americans, helping us to build a genuine multiracial democracy in the new millennium.

**How to Write an Effective College Application Essay** - Susan Knoppow 2018-08-29

At last. A short, practical guide that gives high school counselors everything they need to help their students write the types of



essays college admission officers want to read. **How to Write an Effective College Application Essay: The Inside Scoop for Counselors** is also for independent educational consultants, financial aid and college access professionals, and any adult who works with students who are applying to the colleges of their dreams. This easy-to-follow guide offers insight from the authors **College Application Hacked** - Umair Khan 2017-08-28

*How to Read Like a Writer* - Mike Bunn  
When you Read Like a Writer (RLW) you work to identify some of the choices the author made so that you can better understand how such choices might arise in your own writing. The idea is to carefully examine the things you read, looking at the writerly techniques in the text in order to decide if you might want to adopt similar (or the same) techniques in your writing. You

are reading to learn about writing. Instead of reading for content or to better understand the ideas in the writing (which you will automatically do to some degree anyway), you are trying to understand how the piece of writing was put together by the author and what you can learn about writing by reading a particular text. As you read in this way, you think about how the choices the author made and the techniques that he/she used are influencing your own responses as a reader. What is it about the way this text is written that makes you feel and respond the way you do?

**On Writing the College Application Essay** - Harry Bauld 2001

Offers tips on how to write meaningful essays for college admission applications. Includes sample essays.

**The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation** - Lester Kaufman 2021-04-16  
The bestselling workbook and grammar

guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated 12th edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar, and includes answers to all reproducible quizzes to facilitate self-assessment and learning. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from

seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

**50 Successful Stanford Application Essays** - Tanabe 2018

Every applicant's greatest challenge to getting into Stanford University, which draws from all 50 states, is figuring out how to write that winning admission essay. This book shows them how.

**Facing Your Giants** - Max Lucado 2006

Explains how to write an effective college admission essay, covering openers and closers, narrative, writer's block, and dos and don'ts, and presents 109 successful student essays, arranged by subject.

**Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps, Third Edition** - Alan

Gelb 2017-06-20

The definitive guide to writing an amazing essay and mastering the college applications process. Writing a memorable personal statement can seem like an overwhelming project for a young college applicant, but college essay coach Alan Gelb's organized and encouraging step-by-step instructions take the intimidation out of the process, enabling applicants to craft a meaningful and polished college admissions essay. Gelb teaches students to identify an engaging topic and use creative writing techniques to compose a vivid statement that will reflect their individuality. A consistent top-seller in the college prep category, *Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Easy Steps* has been revised to include extra information on supplemental and waitlist essays. This much-needed handbook will help applicants win over the admissions dean, while

preparing them to write better papers once they've been accepted. For more, visit the author's website at [www.conquerthecollegeessay.com](http://www.conquerthecollegeessay.com).

### **How to Write an Effective College Application Essay** - Kim Lifton 2016-08

At last. A guide that brings parents into the college application essay process, rather than pushing them away! *How to Write an Effective College Application Essay -- The Inside Scoop for Parents* is for moms, dads, grandparents and other adults who want to help their children get into the colleges of their dreams. Parents approach authors and writing coaches Kim Lifton and Susan Knoppow all the time, asking for help understanding college admission essays. They want to guide their children, but they're not sure how. They are tired of being told, *Back off; it's not your journey!* Parents can - and should - help. And the task doesn't have to be so daunting. As national experts

on writing and application essays, with access to top admission officers from around the country, Lifton and Knoppow have answers. *How to Write an Effective College Application Essay* is the first in the *Inside Scoop on Writing Anything* series of simple, straightforward guides to help adults and students alike master challenging writing tasks. The guide offers insight from the authors' decades of experience as writers and writing teachers and provides tips so parents can prepare their children to respond to any college application essay question. Success on the essay begins at home. This easy-to-follow guide clarifies the mixed messages that confuse parents and students, to help families make sense out of the noise surrounding the essay.

**Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps, Second Edition** - Alan Gelb 2013-06-25

A guide to crafting a meaningful and

polished college admissions essay that gets students into the school of their dreams by expressing their unique personality, strengths, and goals. Stand out from the crowd with a memorable, meaningful personal statement that will capture the attention of college admissions officers. Writing a college admissions essay is no easy task—but with college essay coach and New York Times contributor Alan Gelb's accessible and encouraging step-by-step instructions, you'll be able to write an honest, one-of-a-kind essay that really shines. Gelb's ten-step approach has garnered great results for the students who have tried it, many of whom were accepted into their dream schools (Harvard, Brown, Yale, and more). This to-the-point handbook shows you how to identify an engaging essay topic, and then teaches you how to use creative writing techniques to craft a narrative that expresses your unique

personality, strengths, and goals. Whether you're an A-student looking for an extra boost or a less-confident writer who needs more intensive help, Gelb's reassuring and concise guidance will help you every step of the way, from your initial draft to final

revision. In the end, you will have a well-polished, powerful, and profound personal statement that you can feel proud of—a college essay that doesn't feel "pre-fab," but is a real reflection of your own individuality.