

## Case Interviews For Beginners

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crunch in mind. It delivers a wealth of information in a very direct, actionable manner.<sup>3</sup> Although the book is perfectly capable of serving as a stand-alone resource, it does include a fairly thorough examination of the other case prep resources that are available in an effort to help you chart your case prep course more effectively.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. Only case interview book you need!  
By Yachtsalot Hewson This is the perfect book to demystify what case interviews are all about. Rather than inundating you with a ton of things to memorize and stress you out, this book provides you exactly what you need to get started with case interview preparation: a thorough understanding of what a case interview is, why consulting firms (and, increasingly, other companies) use them, and what a good case interview should look like. With this book as my guide, I ended up with offers from two Big 3 firms as well as two other leading consulting firms. I highly recommend reading this book at the outset of your case preparation to get an overview of the process and format of interviews, and then returning to it again once you've gotten a few cases under your belt to revisit some of the nuances that Pidgeon points out that will help take your case interview performance to the next level. Finally, it is written in a fun, conversational tone that makes a daunting topic approachable and also makes for a very enjoyable read.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must read for case prep  
By Reviewer1234 Simply put, this book is the best possible thing you can read before starting to prepare for case interviews. Instead of throwing a bunch of frameworks at you before you really even understand how a case interview works, Pidgeon explains the process through a clear cut example, and then breaks it down into its component parts. He focuses on how to approach each of these parts as opposed to which framework to use when. Moreover, he touches on the intangibles of the case interview, which are quite possibly the most important part of a case. Without a doubt, this book gives you more to remember for how to approach a case interview than any other case book out there. It is the only one I would read if I were about to start preparing for case interviews, and it will give you the foundation to begin preparing with real cases. Highly recommended.

Need to learn case interviews but don't know where to start? This book is designed to get you up and running. By using scripted examples and interviews with experienced recruiters it gives readers an understanding of what a case actually is, and how they can start to prepare. Case interviews are used extensively by most major recruiters, including McKinsey, Bain, BCG, Amazon, Google and many more, and this book contains interviews with recruiters from all of the above companies. The author, Stephen Pidgeon, is a former McKinsey consultant and interviewer who now works as a career coach at the Tuck School of Business. He coaches hundreds of candidates every year, many of whom are successful in their goal of landing their dream job. He is also the author of 'How to get a job in consulting'.

From the Author As a former McKinsey interviewer and career coach at the Tuck School of Business, I work with a great many students who are going through case interviews, whether for consulting jobs or for many other top companies. For all of these candidates who have found out that they will have a case interview, their first question is always "where do I start?" Often they have already bought one of the other popular (and excellent) case interview books, but they don't quite have a feel for what a case is or how they should get stuck into preparation. This book is designed to be that starting point. Its first goal is to give a very clear example of actually what a case interview is. Once that is well understood, we then move onto learning about why interviewers use cases, what they are looking for, and accordingly what candidates should have in mind as they run through their own case prep. My goal is that this book will be a useful add-on to the classic case books, and will be a valuable starting point.  
About the Author Stephen Pidgeon is a former McKinsey consultant and is currently Associate Director in the Career Development Office at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, which is consistently ranked amongst the World's top Business Schools. In his role at Tuck, Stephen helps students get internships and full time positions in all of the World's top consulting companies; including McKinsey Company, Bain Company, The Boston Consulting Group, Deloitte Consulting, and many more. Each year, Stephen counsels more than a hundred students, helping them navigate the on-campus recruiting process, and coaching them to succeed in consulting case and experience interviews. In addition, Stephen is one of the most sought-after interview coaches on Evisors.com, where he coaches students from around the World (including undergrad, MBA and other advanced degrees) and experienced hires. Prior to working at Tuck, Stephen was an Engagement Manager at McKinsey Company, based in the London office, during which time he served top leaders of many global organizations. He was particularly active as an interviewer, attending company presentations on campuses, mentoring candidates, and taking part in countless interviews and decision meetings. Stephen received his MBA from the Tuck School of Business in 2007, where he successfully navigated the consulting recruiting process, receiving offers from two of the top consulting firms. He spent his summer internship with McKinsey Company. Stephen lives in Vermont with his wife and two daughters, and when he is not counseling students spends his time renovating his house or working in his backyard.