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Paul Phifer : College Majors and Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning (College Majors Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised College Majors and Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning (College Majors Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy Michael Herringtonok5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Helpful EnoughBy ButterscotchThis book would be great for both high schoolers and college students alike. It also has usefulness to adults looking to change career fields and discover what occupations are within each broader category. The book is broken down alphabetically by major, and devotes about 2-3 pages per major. All of the large majors are covered,along with some more emerging fields of study. For each major the author tell you the typical subjects you might study, the typical occupations associated with the major, and some of the qualities you need to have to find success in the field. There is also a section that tells you what the people commonly found in the field enjoy as leisure activities. For instance, people who are interested in volunteer activities and helping out at senior centers might be suited to social work. If you are drawn to law you may find leisure in debates and

reading law reviews in your spare time. I thought this was the best way to use the book actually - to look at my leisure interests and match them to the right field of study (I found 3 fields). There is also a self-assessment section and a listing of organizations associated with each major. The author also lists the main reasons why someone who enter the field, and it is a good way to see if your values match the major. I found the book helpful overall and would recommend it for someone who is uncertain of what to major in or what fields to pursue. 17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Too brief to be useful
By A Customer
If I had flipped through this book first, I wouldn't have bought it. For each major the author gives a one-paragraph description, a list of related occupations, a list of skills necessary and a list of "values and attributes", and other related information such as related extra curricular activities. There is a glossary at the end of the book to further explain the cryptic words in the occupations, skills and values list with 2 to 3-line sentences. For example, in describing "Marketing and Distribution", the "value and attribute" list is: achievement, prestige, wealth, desire for recognition and appreciation from others, creatitivity, outgoing, polite and friendly attitude, desire to serve and please others, tendency to be alert and ambitious, competitiveness and flexibility, energy, patience, poise, neatness, and self confidence. As you can see, the content is extremely brief and most of it is just common sense. The way that majors are listed is also not quite complete and logical (arranged alphebatically). For a much better reading, I recommend "The College Majors Handbook : The Actual Jobs, Earnings, and Trends for Graduates of 60 College Majors", ISBN 1563705184. It has much better narative descriptions.

This edition offers advice for high school and college students exploring their career options. Providing invaluable guidance on figuring out what to do with an English major or selecting a field of study, this practical guide covers more than 60 college majors linked to 350 different career paths.

"Highly recommended." - American Reference Books Annual
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