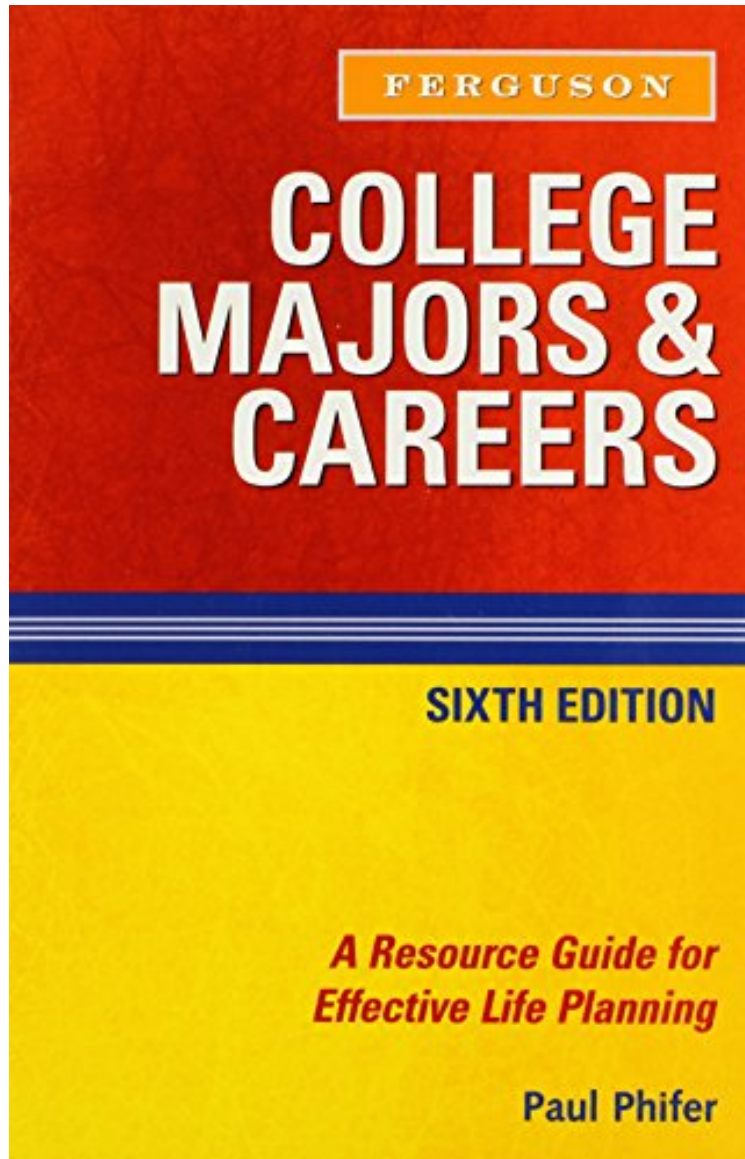


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following review helpful. Helpful EnoughBy ButterscotchThis book would be great for both high schoolers and college students alike. It also has usefulness to adults looking to change career fields and discover what occupations are within each broader 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 usefulBy A CustomerIf 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, creativity, 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 alphabetically).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 narrative descriptions.

This title provides detailed profiles of more than 80 jobs in this exciting field. It offers stright-forward advice for high school and college students exploring their career options.

"Highly recommended." - American Reference Books Annual"About the AuthorPaul Phifer is the director of career development services at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the author of several career books for Facts On File and Checkmark Books, including Great Careers in Two Years, Second Edition and Quick Prep Careers.