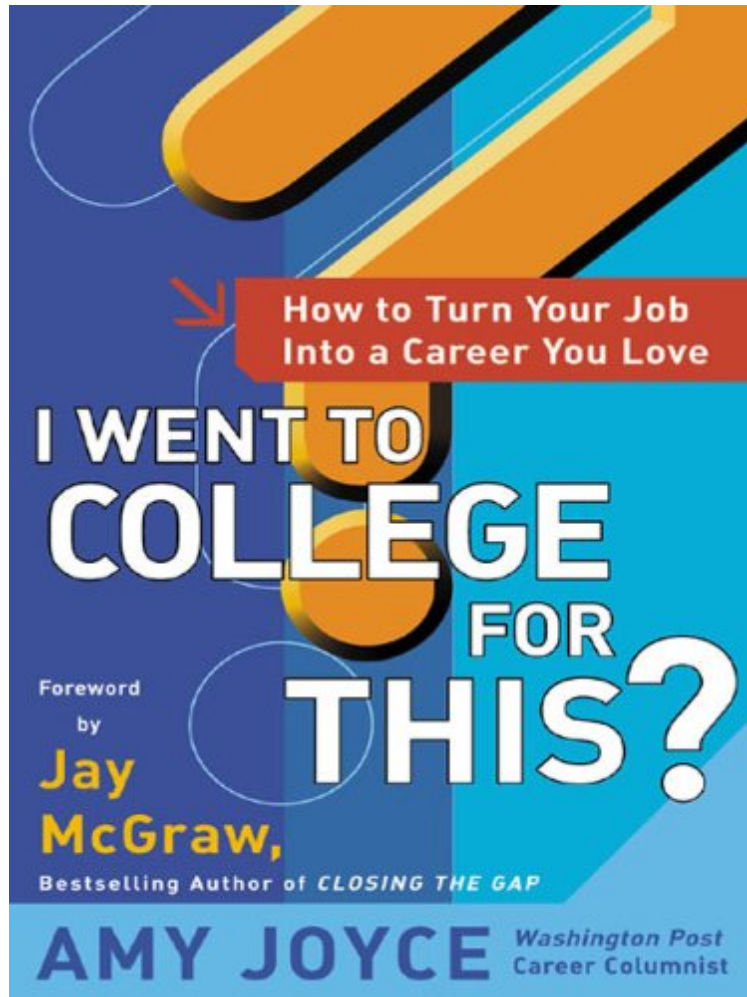


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Loved the BOOK!!By Lisa Y. ThompsonI purchased this book for an assignment in my master's degree class, Career Development. I was surprised how easy the book read without boring me to death. The book was very informative and is a great asset to have if an individual is beginning an internship, employment at a new job, or just dissatisfied with the present position in the company. I encourage all college students to read this book before they enter the workforce.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I Went to College for This? How to Turn your entry level jobBy A Customer"I Went to College for This?" accurately

describes the initial upset and frustration at life after college. More specifically, it describes the frustration that people do not initially recognize the new graduate's unique and amazing abilities, hire her right away and pay her \$150,000.00 a year. It is a surprising reality. Joyce's book imparts practical information and relates real life experiences of others who have found themselves in the same predicament. The advice is to find work you love without losing yourself. Remember, everyone started at the bottom. Joyce's prose is amazingly well written with the occasional twentysomething sarcasm found in parentheses. Well written, practical advice from which anyone can benefit!

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Leans too heavily on third-party anecdotes. By Timothy M. Arends

This book is larded heavily with third-party anecdotes of people on their own career paths which are supposed to be inspirational or teach the reader something. Unfortunately, I found these stories taught me little since they had little relevance to my own situation. How could they? Everybody's life is different. For example, in the section on how first jobs can be disappointing, which is supposed to cheer us up, we read about how the "friend who worked as an aide on Capitol Hill for a senator had to wear business suits". Gasp! Then we read about how "Another friend took a job in human resources but was asked to fill in for the company receptionist to answer the main phone lines during lunch hour"! Oh no! The shame! The fact is, these stories are so out of touch with the reality of many people's first jobs, at a time when many college grads end up flipping burgers or cleaning washrooms, when blue collar jobs are being lost to automation and immigrants, and white collar jobs are being outsourced, it's laughable. Since everybody's experiences are different, anecdotes don't teach much of any value anyway, and especially not pie-in-the-sky anecdotes like are found in this book. Perhaps some readers will find the stories encouraging but they will leave the rest of us cold.

A PAPERBACK ORIGINAL A guide to getting the most out of your first job from America's #1 twentysomething career columnist There are plenty of good books offering recent college grads advice on how to write the perfect resume and how to ace the interview. Yet, amazingly, until now, there were none that focused on what they should do once they landed the job, or how to use that first, menial position as the springboard to bigger and better things. Written by a successful 20-something, for 20-somethings, *I Went to College for This?* is a breezy, informative guide to navigating the sometimes tricky, often confusing career paths open to those just breaking into the real world of work. In *I Went to College for This?* author Amy Joyce uses the real-life anecdotes of dozens of postgrads from across North America to inspire and inform readers on how to make the most of those early dues-paying jobs. From how to talk to your boss, to managing office romances, to knowing when to quit, she offers young readers expert advice and guidance on how to transform the jobs they have into the careers they want.

From the Back Cover Transform the job you have into the career you want Relax. A rewarding career beyond the Xerox machine is out there waiting for you, and you will get there. Until then, learn from your experiences-whether they involve unjamming the copier machine or working extra hours to impress your colleagues-with the help of Washington Post career columnist Amy Joyce's *I Went to College for This?* Even if your current job has nothing to do with your major or what you thought you'd be doing when you "grew up," *I Went to College for This?* will help you navigate the sometimes tricky, often confusing career paths that are part of the obligatory dues you must pay on the road to getting the job you want. America's premier twenty-something career columnist Amy Joyce uses real-life anecdotes to inspire and inform you on how to handle the sometimes degrading and often amusing responsibilities that come with entry-level or early jobs. Providing expert advice and guidance on how to get the most mileage out of any position, *I Went to College for This?* covers the "how-tos" of: Winning the attention of your boss and upper management Knowing when to negotiate your salary and when to call it quits Working through job blues Learning when it's OK to say "no" Asking questions without feeling like the office idiot Managing office romances Finding your dream job through people you already know And lots more! Don't despair if your B.S. degree has turned into a B.S. job-you're so not alone. Learn from the many others like you who turned thankless jobs into the careers of their dreams with the help of *I Went to College for This?*

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