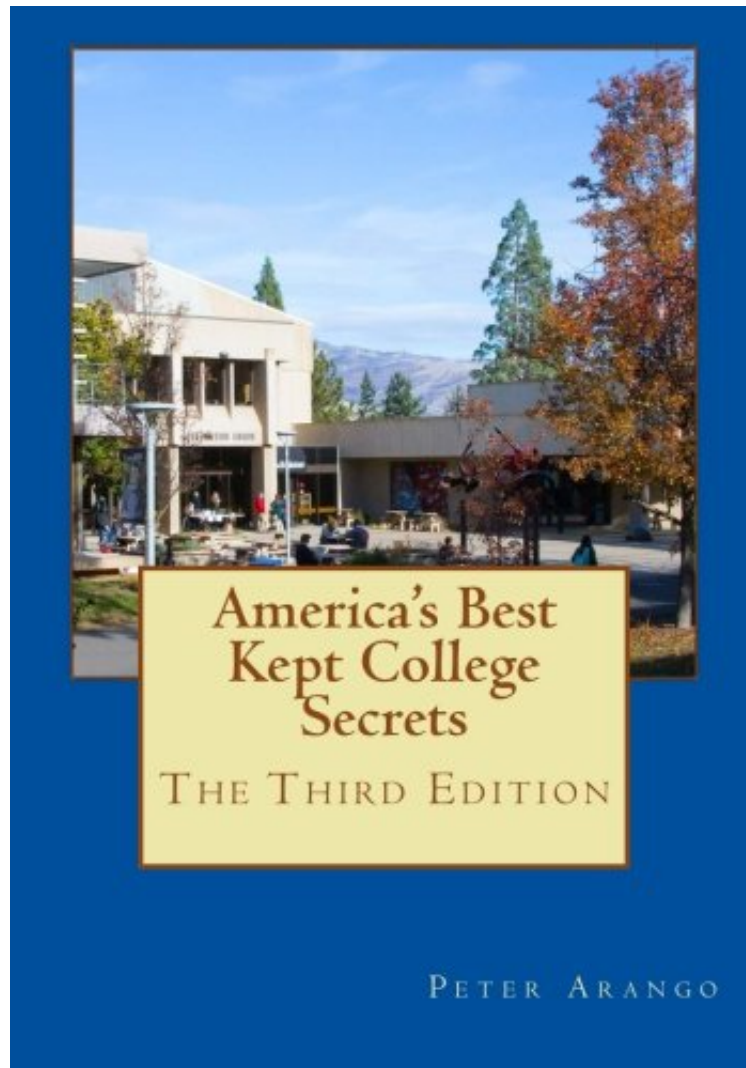


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I have been well aware of the top-tier colleges so popular with students like ours. Each year we deal with countless disappointedBy SCiguyThis is the first review I've ever felt compelled to post, but as an educator in a competitive college prep high school, I have been well aware of the top-tier colleges so popular with students like ours. Each year we deal with countless disappointed students and parents who simply dont understand just how competitive these institutions are and how unpredictable it can be for anyone to gain admission. There are, of course, hundreds of excellent schools without the name recognition of the top-tier schools, though it can be a tough sell to goal-oriented, achievement-minded students. However, I am now a parent of a college-age, non-traditional learner, whose standardized testing profile will exclude him from eligibility from top-tier schools (though he tests in the gifted range on WISC IQ tests). As a result, I have become far more personally involved in understanding the wide variety of good schools out there. However, reading websites and school-generated literature does not help distinguish the great from the good (or the not-so-good). Peter Arangos book has been a godsend. He has extensive experience as an educator and a college counselor, and he does an amazing job of understanding the importance of the match between school and student. His description of each school is comprehensive and nuanced. I have visited several schools in his book, and he has done a masterful job of capturing not just the essential academic program but also the essence of the community itself. These are not just cookie-cutter descriptions but, rather, they contain the essential information as through the eyes of a parents (or students) who are trying to make one of the most important decisions of their lives. As a result, I will be visiting several more schools in this book to provide my child with a range of outstanding options. What you have, then, is a comprehensive list of schools that make Mr. Arangos cut,- excellent schools of which you may not be familiar and may not have the name (or the popular sweatshirt) but which he has vetted thoroughly throughout his extensive experience. His only motive is to help families navigate the college process to find outstanding educational and college experiences. Even if you may not have heard of many of these schools, Peter Arango has, and if they are in this book, they are worth considering. I am so grateful for this resource. I urge anyone who is interested in expanding their understanding of great college experiences for themselves or for others to consider it.

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About the AuthorPeter Arango has helped thousands of students and families through the college search. Author of several guidebooks, including America's Best Kept College Secrets, he has worked as a college counselor in several ambitious independent schools and has been a consultant to many other schools and school districts. He has read applications and participated in admissions decisions at a wide range of colleges and universities including Brown University, Davidson University, Kenyon College, Vassar College, the University of Michigan, Bowdoin College, the University of Notre Dame, Michigan State University, Trinity College, Bates College, and Vanderbilt University. A

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