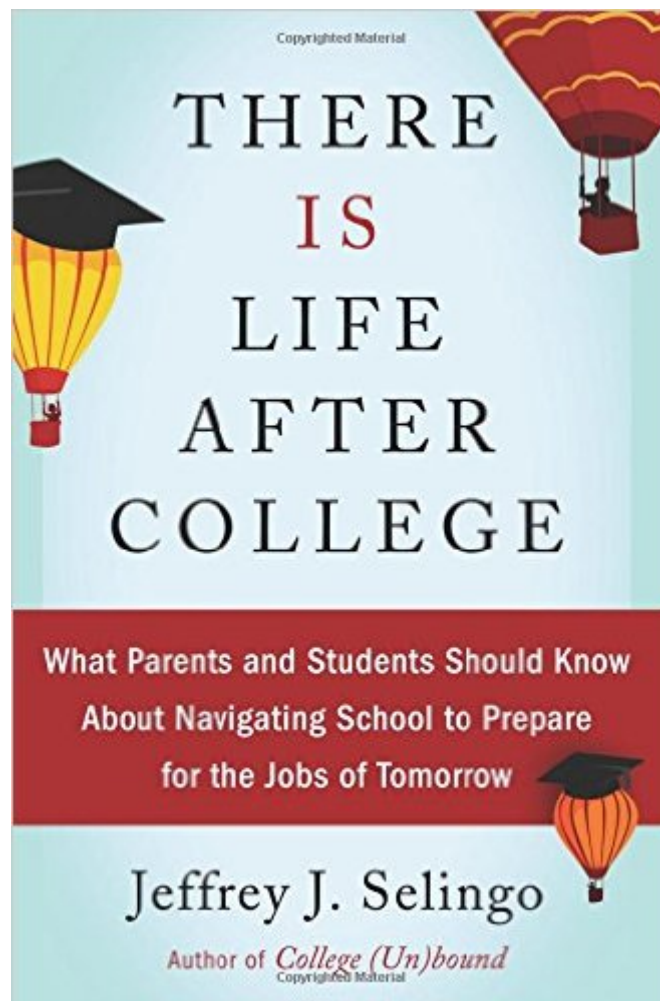


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# There Is Life After College: What Parents And Students Should Know About Navigating School To Prepare For The Jobs Of Tomorrow



## Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller From the bestselling author of *College Unbound* comes a hopeful, inspiring blueprint to help alleviate parents' anxiety and prepare their college-educated child to successfully land a good job after graduation. Saddled with thousands of dollars of debt, today's college students are graduating into an uncertain job market that is leaving them financially dependent on their parents for years to come—a reality that has left moms and dads wondering: What did I pay all that money for? *There Is Life After College* offers students, parents, and even recent graduates the practical advice and insight they need to jumpstart their careers. Education expert Jeffrey Selinger answers key questions: "Why is the transition to post-college life so difficult for many recent graduates? How can graduates market themselves to employers that are reluctant to provide on-the-job training? What can institutions and individuals do to end the current educational and economic stalemate?" and offers a practical step-by-step plan every young professional can follow. From the end of high school through college graduation, he lays out exactly what students need to do to acquire the skills companies want. Full of tips, advice, and insight, this wise, practical guide will help every student, no matter their major or degree, find real employment—and give their parents some peace of mind.

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“Our twentieth-century education system is woefully out of sync with this twenty-first century economy that demands highly knowledgeable and flexible workers.” • This quote from the introduction of *Life After College* perfectly sums up the entire book. To simplify this quote, education

is woefully out of sync. When I graduated college Myspace was the reigning champion in social media. Facebook, at the time, was a hobby or diversion for a few college students. Today, Myspace is a memory and Facebook dominates not just social media but our entire online experience. Rapid technological innovations and global market change everything we know almost constantly. Businesses and organizations cannot keep up. Education, from kindergarten to graduate schools, lag behind even farther. *Life After College* is really about promoting education outside of college. Selingo introduces the reader to the importance of gap years, bridge programs, on-the-job training, internships, geographic advantages and so forth. College is not the final straw anymore. It may be a very important straw, but it is not the final one. Gone are the days when simply getting a college degree guarantees you economic stability. With a growing number on college graduates and competition from people around the world, a college graduate needs to show up with more than a fancy diploma. • What you do in college is more important than where you go to college • (215). I enjoyed this book a lot. Selingo knows his stuff and his writing is impeccable. I'm not fan of gap years and bridge programs. I think these programs only highlight the change needed in higher education. Additionally, I am not a supporter of gap years because I know without a doubt that a gap year would have been detrimental for me.

*There Is Life After College* is a must read for anyone who is in a bachelor's degree program, planning to enter a bachelor's program in the near future, or has a child who is planning to enter a bachelor's program in the near future. Jeffrey Selingo does a fantastic job presenting a comprehensive overview of the current state of higher education and what students need to know to navigate starting a career in their twenties. He also addresses a number of related topics that desperately need a bigger spotlight, such as how and why so many kids are shoehorned into 4-year bachelor's programs straight out of high school. I've never seen anything else that comes close to covering this subject in such detail and from such a fresh perspective. Now 33 years old, I spent much of my twenties feeling as though a bachelor's degree did very little to prepare me for the real world. Beyond that, I felt like I did what I was supposed to do to guarantee a great job right out of undergrad. Needless to say, the journey wasn't quite that easy. It was extremely validating to read a book that confirmed so many of my deepest gripes with the current higher education system and the outright lies many students receive about how to become educated and marketable in the modern economy. I know that I'm not alone in these sentiments. In the past decade since I finished undergrad, the economy has become much more volatile and the job market has become much more unpredictable. These trends aren't likely to reverse any time soon. We need this book now

more than ever before. Selingo concentrates a lot of his advice around competitive job fields, such as finance. However, a lot of the tips are applicable across any job field.

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