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Review

This edited volume takes a panoramic scope in describing the terrain of graduate education....In scope and in detail, the map provided by this book is a success....We recommend [it] to people at any point in their graduate education....[It] could save you from major stumbling points that you might otherwise have to learn by trial and error. If it protects the reader from making a poor choice about going to graduate school or poor choices while in it, the book will live up to its title and more than pay back its cost in reduced stress and increased success.

—APS Observer

...a compilation of chapters addressing a wide variety of topics pertinent to students of psychology....addresses relevant issues for individuals choosing to complete their formal education in psychology....the book provides a wealth of information to anyone considering a career in psychology. It is a great resource for students at the beginning, middle or end of their graduate education. It also offers an integration of formal education and real-world practical advice to new professionals. I recommend it highly.

—The Independent Practitioner

Succeeding in Graduate School: The Career Guide for Psychology Students takes a comprehensive, practical approach to guiding its readers through the graduate school experience....a useful resource to have throughout your training....The information provided is...practical and valuable.

—Psychotherapy Bulletin

It enumerates the key and longstanding departmental issues that have and will continue to make graduate school seem unpredictable. Before, during, and after graduate school, this book helps to direct one's choices and live with the aftermath of those choices...it addresses questions unique to psychological training and correctly targets the ambiguities related to misperceptions about what psychology is and what psychologists do. The book fully addresses the problem of making a topically oriented core curriculum connect with the evolving professional sphere of activity in the world of work and does so with clarity and thoroughness.

—Contemporary Psychology

*Walfish and Hess have 'Succeeded' in creating an indispensable book for any student considering a career in psychology. I recommend this book not only to students but also to the mentors and professors that guide them in this important decision. Reading this book is like going to a private seminar with a panel of experts with MSW, Psy.D., and Ph.D. degrees that includes both new professionals and veterans....In summary, **Succeeding in Graduate School: The Career Guide for Psychology Students** is comprehensive, details an accurate picture of what the experience entails and provides coping mechanisms....This book is well worth both time and money!*

—Georgia Psychologist

Psychology students and their undergraduate professors often discuss getting into graduate school. Staying in, once accepted, is an entirely new challenge that has heretofore not received the attention it deserves. Walfish, Hess, and their collaborators have contributed a most helpful volume that I would recommend to any psychology graduate student.

—**Patricia Keith-Spiegel, Ph.D.**

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Wow, your book is really comprehensive! I wish it had been available when I was going through graduate school.

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