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Wissner-Gross, author of *What Colleges Don't Tell You* (2006), follows up with a book aimed at the grade-school years, well before the college search starts. She draws on interviews with teachers, college admissions officers, and parents of nationally recognized high-school students to offer practical advice on how parents can begin in the eighth grade to prepare their children for a high-school career that will lead to admission into the best colleges. Part 1 focuses on the college admissions process and urges parents and students to develop a game plan, including making strategic use of summers and designing strong four-year academic programs to boost the chances of admission into the most desirable colleges and universities. Part 2 focuses on the best opportunities for children in a variety of areas, including math, science, the arts, the humanities, journalism, business, and government. Wissner-Gross offers more than 300 suggestions to best position students for college admissions. A detailed appendix offers possible paths based on a child's area of interest or passion. Parents will find this an enormously helpful resource. Bush, Vanessa

#### Review

“Right on target... Shows parents how to help their kids build the groundwork for that Ivy League admission.”—**Tom Fischgrund, author of *SAT Perfect Score***

“Takes privileged knowledge and turns it into practical advice. An indispensable guide!”—**Janet Soller, director of Governance Affairs and Administration, Publications and Communications, American Psychological Association**

“Helps level the playing field.”—**Richard Rusczyk, founder, the Art of Problem Solving**

“Chock-full of suggestions and unique educational avenues to help students prepare for the competitive college admissions process.”—**Kavin D. Buck, director of Enrollment Management and Outreach, School of the Arts and Architecture, UCLA**

#### About the Author

**Elizabeth Wissner-Gross**, trained as a journalist, has for ten years succeeded in helping students, including her own children, gain admission offers to Harvard, Princeton, Yale, MIT, and other competitive colleges.

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