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“Andrew Roberts has a light touch, gives students excellent advice, and writes in a direct, engaging style. What I find particularly interesting is the perspective from which he counsels students, that of a serious academic who seems fully dedicated to his profession despite what he sees as its flaws and who knows his way around a university. A student who took his tips to heart could hardly go wrong, for Professor Roberts’ advice is based on good, solid academic values.”

(Michael Koppisch, Michigan State University 2010-02-04)

“*The Thinking Student’s Guide to College* addresses a neglected topic with force and persuasiveness. This valuable book, aimed at high achieving students at selective universities who want to get a quality education, offers genuinely practical advice. By addressing students directly, drawing on his experience and observations in academic life, Andrew Roberts provides an accessible and credible account of how to make college a valuable experience educationally.”

(Michael McPherson, President of the Spencer Foundation, former president of Macalester College 2010-02-05)

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(Harry Brighouse, University of Wisconsin 2010-03-25)

“In fact I don’t currently have a copy of the book, because each copy I get goes to the next high school senior who walks through the door (which an alarming number of them seem to be doing these days). As suggested by this, *75 Tips* would be a great Christmas present for the college-bound high school seniors and college freshmen of your acquaintance.”

(*Crooked Timber* 2010-11-28)

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(Lynne O'Shaughnessy *U.S. News and World Report*)

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