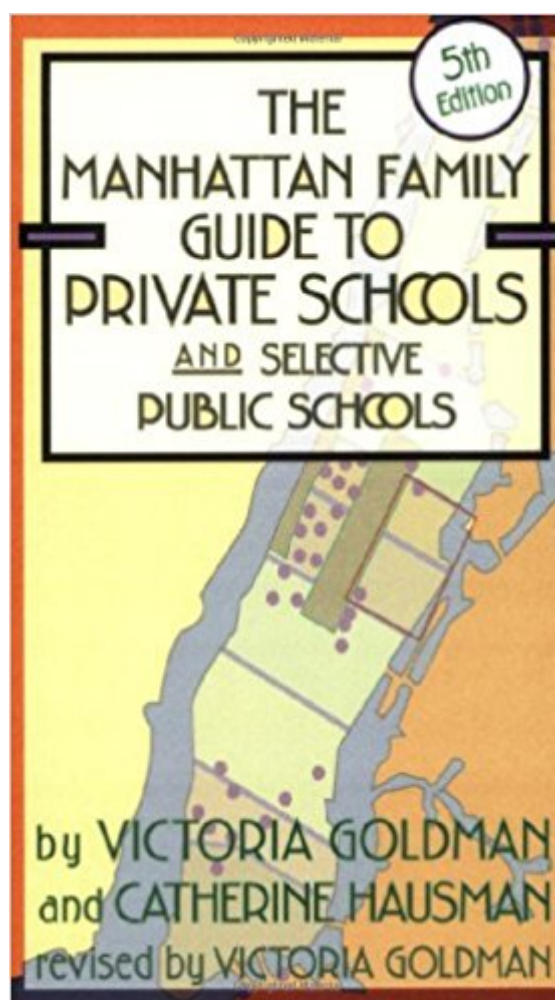


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Manhattan Family Guide To Private Schools And Selective Public Schools, 5th Ed. (Manhattan Family Guide To Private Schools & Selective Public Schools)





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“Parents will line up single file for the first guide to Manhattan’s private schools.” “The New York Observer” “The information is on the mark and insightful. . . . Parents will pass The Manhattan Family Guide to parents as gleefully as they once passed notes in class.” “New York Magazine” “A knowing look at those privileged places of learning.” “Town & Country” “Parents can turn to Goldman and Hausman’s objective and informative Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools, the first to cover subjects from admission to tuition, curriculum and general atmosphere.” “Avenue magazine” This guide, written by parents for parents, is a perennial seller. Revised and expanded in this fifth edition, it is the first, last and only word for parents on choosing the best private and selective public schools for their children. Including information on admissions procedures, programs, diversity, school size, staff, tuition and scholarships, this essential reference guide lists over 80 elementary and high schools located in Manhattan and adjacent boroughs, including special-needs schools and selective public schools and programs. Victoria Goldman has children in private schools and is often quoted for her expertise concerning private education. Her articles have appeared in New York Magazine and The New York Times. She is co-author of The Manhattan Directory of Private Nursery Schools and the author of The Los Angeles Guide to Private Schools.

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Customer Reviews

The Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools is an absolute GOLDMINE of information!!! The

book, written by two parents for all NYC parents, is filled with facts on each individual school. This information was obviously well researched and includes input from parents, teachers, students, admissions directors and other educators. The authors visited each of these schools personally and give details on each school including: birthday cut-off dates, application and admission procedures, school hours and after school care, and a general overview of each school's history, philosophy, curriculum and facilities. The book is well written and laid out in an easy-to-read format that allows parents to flip back and forth to compare schools. In addition, the front section has a great overview of what to expect in the process of applying to a private school, which I have heard parents refer to as "playing the game." If one is going to play any game, one should begin by reading the instructions and, from understanding the ERB to how to contact the ISAAGNY, this book has all the instructions! Every parent raising a child in New York City should own a copy of this book!

I don't know how you could survive the private school process without this book. I was even wondering if I should hire a consultant. But this book is probably enough for a do-it-yourself-er with a patient streak. The private school mill is exhausting, and you are going to have to do a whole lot more than read this book if you go through with it. But this book is full of good info gathered together, so that you know where to start your search. It only has the hoity-toity schools by the way, there are lots of smaller schools, especially in the boroughs that it doesn't cover. So you still have to do additional homework!

book lists schools which is what i wanted, so guess it does what it says , Probably no need to purchase it as while i was waiting for it to be delivered i found all my information on the internet

The previous reviewer has it right. Use this book for phone numbers and the most general info--like what the uniform looks like for 8th graders. The parental quotes are the most egregious. And some schools are seemingly damned with faint praise (a school that educates nearly 1000 students pre-k to 12 gets a one page write-up) while others, usually UES and UWS schools, go on for page after page even though the school might only have a couple of hundred students. I have the sense that it's simply because the authors don't happen to have any friends at some schools. There's no real information here that you won't get from the school's own glossy brochures. I have a 3rd edition and a 5th edition and it is updated only on the most basic info such as tuition--even for some of the best known schools in NY. Other NYC guide books to the public schools get the format right. With people spending up to \$30K per year on private schools, they deserve a better consumer guide than this

one. Borrow this book--don't buy it.

I wish there was a more recent version of this book available with updated information, but overall the information is quite useful.

This is a great guide to find private schools in NYC..I highly recommend it to parents that are contemplating the Private School route.

If you have a previous edition of this book, save your money. I read a handful of school descriptions and they were-- verbatim-- the same as in the last edition. If you want to get a survey of private schools in NYC, you probably will need this book. However, I take issue with the idea that this book is an "independent" view of the school. Clearly the authors have relied, to some degree, on the school's own literature-- you can tell if you compare the writeups to brochures. Also, they use a lot of parent interviews, and the parents themselves clearly are biased to a point that their input is not at all useful on some topics. For example, all the parents describe themselves as "an easy going community" and "friendly." Why include this information when it is clearly impossible to do it well? Another category of information is clearly problematic here. The parents reading this book care a lot about "exmissions." They want to know which colleges the graduates were admitted. The authors often offer up what seems a short list of college acceptances they were able to cull. So one school might say "Yale, Harvard, UVA" and another might say "Oberlin, Princeton, Bard." Clearly this information is anecdotal at best, I just hope the readers realize this. Many parents want hard data about exmissions and they will not find it here. The best information given is the most concrete-- application procedures, physical location descriptions, etc. This is, of course, the same information you can retrieve for free from the schools themselves, but there is an argument to be made for the convenience of having it all in one place.

As a parent, I have relied on this book for many years. The author provides key information about each school, along with all the essentials of the admissions process. Every other year, she does a thorough update of the information. If you are applying to a New York City private school, this book is a must-have. You will refer to it over and over again. Make sure you have the latest copy as you go through the process as admissions contacts at the schools change pretty frequently. I highly recommend Victoria Goldman's book.

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