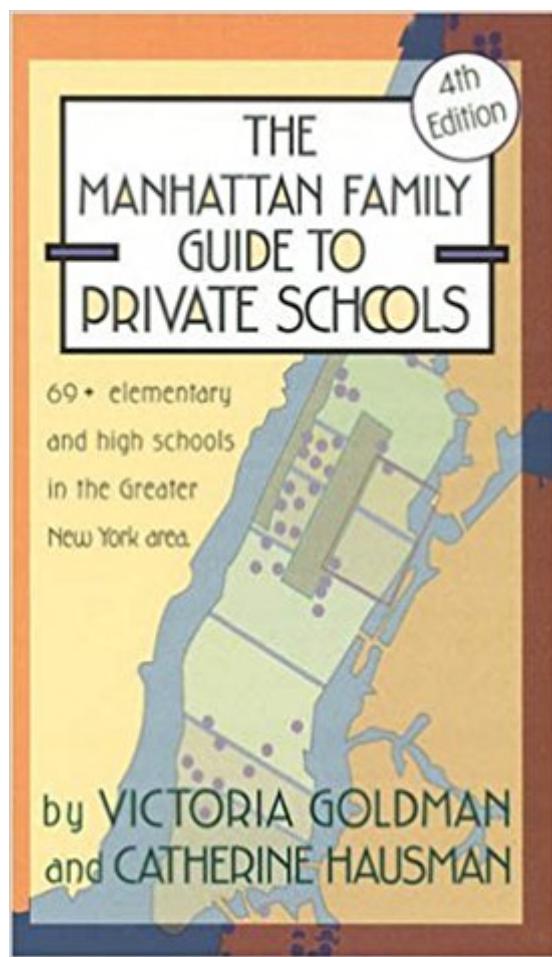


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The Manhattan Family Guide To Private Schools: Fourth Edition



Synopsis

This perennial seller, now revised and expanded, is the first, last, and only word for parents on choosing the best private school for their children. Including information on admissions procedures, programs, diversity, school size, staff, tuition, and scholarships, this essential reference guide lists over seventy elementary and high schools located in Manhattan and the adjacent boroughs, including special needs schools and selective public schools and programs.

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"Parents will line up single file for the first guide to Manhattan's private schools." -- The New York Observer

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. Victoria Goldman is co-author of the Manhattan Directory of Private Nursery Schools and the author of the Los Angeles Guide to Private Schools.

You can read this book and get just as horrified. The authors give lots of practical information in one central place, but stop short of telling what we really need to know. What does acceptance REALLY entail? What sort of student flourishes at each school? Does actual merit count for anything, or is it all just luck, appearance and connections? Also they are inconsistent with their descriptions of the schools~ for example they describe a sports or music program at one school, but don't even

mention those programs or lack thereof at others. All in all, buying this one of the many necessary evils to raising a child in NYC if you are not fortunate enough to have connections.

Very useful for the addresses and contact names and numbers at each school. Otherwise the book provides the stereotyped image associated with each school. Mixed in you will find Zagat style sentence fragment gushings. "Many" readers will find it "tacky" and "annoying" representing a "nose pressed up against the window" point of view. Better to just invest the time and visit the schools.

The descriptions are inconsistent; it seems the researchers were a bit lazy and simply took what they were given from the different schools. Not very useful.

As a parent who has been through the Manhattan private school interview route, I have to say my only regret is buying this book. It might be handy if you want to read details about ERBs and a definition of an independent school, but you just don't need this guide! Our daughter got into most of the schools we applied for--ergo we had lots to choose from. And in the end, we returned the book to B&N because it's not even a comprehensive guide! (It doesn't purport to be, but then, what's the point? You may as well do your own internet research based on location or some other criteria.) Furthermore, the information for each school in the book is not consistent. Some of them go on and on and on, and others only get a page and a half. Bizarre. Pointless.

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