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## **B+ GRADES, A+ COLLEGE APPLICATION**

How to Present Your Strongest Self,  
Write a Standout Admissions Essay, and  
Get Into the Perfect School for *You*—  
Even with Less-than-Perfect Grades

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Contrary to popular opinion, students don't have to have a flawless GPA or be a star athlete to get into a great college. A must-read for the majority of high school students (and their parents), ***B+ Grades, A+ College Application*** delivers an insider's look at how students with less-than-perfect grades can make the most of the college admissions process and find schools where they can thrive.

Joie Jager-Hyman was an assistant director of admissions at Dartmouth, received her doctorate in education at Harvard, and has been helping students get into top colleges for nearly a decade through her private college consulting company, College Prep 360. But despite her Ivy-League credentials, Jager-Hyman's focus isn't just on cream-of-the-crop students and the top dozen American universities with acceptance rates hovering around 7 to 9 percent. Knowing that hundreds of thousands of "good" students have been underserved by our Ivy-or-bust society, and have limited information about the terrific colleges that are eager to accept them, she set out to write the only college admissions guide specifically for B-range students.

Covering every step of the process, ***B+ Grades, A+ College Application*** is the first book that gives B students everything they need to know about finding, getting into, and paying for their dream school. In addition to admissions "basics" like application timelines, essay-writing advice, and financial aid tips, this empowering guide shares painless ways to beef up an application, pay for school without taking on enormous debt, and even get into elite schools through the side door—including under-the-radar programs at schools like Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania that are easier to get into and cheaper to attend, and yet still award the same coveted degree.

Identifying six different types of prospective applicants and how to tailor the college search to each one, Jager-Hyman looks at the whole student, not just at grades and SAT scores, and provides inspiring advice for those who may feel overlooked or discouraged by overzealous counselors and a continuous push toward highly selective schools that seem just out of reach.

Finally, students seeking fantastic college options, expert guidance, and the know-how to put together a winning application (even without a perfect academic success story), have the resource they—and their parents—have been longing for. Featuring an appendix of colleges worth considering, information on learning disabilities, and a bonus chapter on how parents can help (or harm) their children's chances, ***B+ Grades, A+ College Application*** contains everything good students need to launch an exciting college career.

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