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With talented applicants coming from the top high schools in the country as well as the pressure to succeed from family and friends, it's no wonder that writing college application essays is one of the most stressful times for high schoolers like you. Add in how hard it is to get started or brag about your accomplishments or order your stories for maximum effect, and it becomes obvious why this is no easy task.

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These essays really helped me write better college essays. Highly recommended for someone who
does not know where to start in your application process and need some solid examples to work with. I ended up getting into UC Irvine, UCLA, and UCR.

I don't know the differences between the 3rd edition and this one but I can simply say that this book is a must for anyone writing an essay. It might not help a lot people who are completely lost, as choosing a topic should be a completely individual decision but it will help someone that already has a draft. You can see the essays, and even though some are simply hard to beat (anemia, drug-addict father) you can learn how are they structured and also learn their weakness.

Extremely useful, specially the reviews at the end of each essay. Great resource for students and counselors. I will recommend it.

This book was extremely helpful! Everyone describes a "good college essay" in a lot of ways, a lot of ways that can be difficult to interpret and even more difficult to apply. Another tool similar to this that I've used is admitsee.com, it is very similar in that you can find the college essays of those students who were accepted to harvard and other ivys. Both excellent tools, I recommend both.

An excellent resource for writing those college application essays. It will tell you exactly what a "good college essay" is. Though I found it more helpful to read real Harvard college essays on Admitsee.com, so I could get a better sense of what kinds of essays they actually accept. Still, both are excellent resources.

As someone who really wants to go to Harvard, I found this book to be a great resource for inspiration... but limiting. There are better websites for application essay examples. This anthology of essays doesn't cover that much... but the price is right.

I give this to kids writing college essays, it is interesting to see what Harvard would choose and quite a few are well-written

Great resource that I am using to develop my own application essay to Harvard. I hope to follow up and say that I got in! :)

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