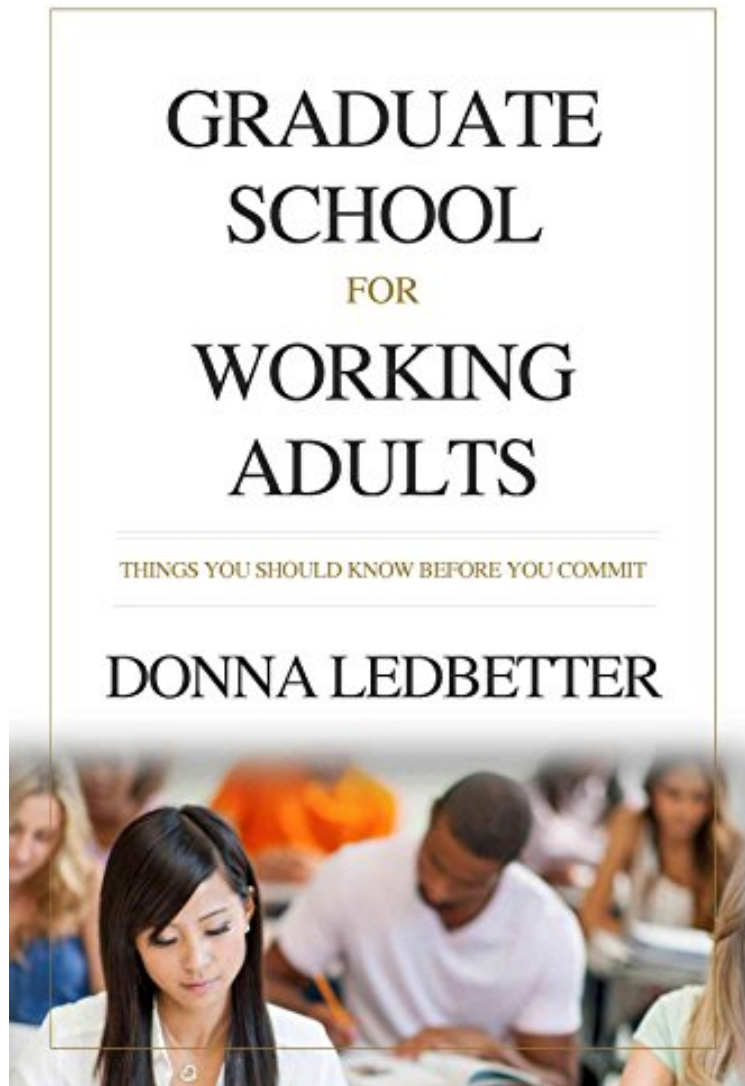


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very Helpful for Anyone Considering a Return to SchoolBy Kim FosterDonna Ledbetter wants you to know that going to graduate school as a working adult is not something to do on a whim. Although she experienced it herself, she doesn't bog the reader down with her own personal narrative, but

instead delivers a thoughtful, well-rounded picture of what a potential student might expect, and what they may not have thought of. (Incidentally, this wouldn't be a bad read for working adults who are considering any type of additional education; even if it's trade school instead of grad school. Sections of it would still be pertinent.) It would be easy to approach grad school with stars in your eyes, thinking of high-priced salary you hope to command when you're finished, but Donna reels you in by reminding you to choose a program well-suited to what you hope to do and one that will provide good networking opportunities. She discusses the perils of burying yourself in student loans, and how the commitment grad school requires will affect your relationships with children, spouse, and friends. You will not finish this book without getting the message that you can expect a daily grind of homework, studying, and writing--and remember, this is ON TOP of your job and family responsibilities. Tips for scheduling and prioritizing are included. Finally, and this may be of particular interest to those who've been out of school for a while and may not have grown up with keyboard in hand, this book describes the ways that fluency with all manner of technology is the norm, so you'd better be prepared to use it. I found this a very useful book and I believe it would be a good tool for anyone preparing to go to grad school or struggling with the decision about whether now is the right time. Highly recommended!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Important Resource for Adults interested in Graduate School!

By Sue

When I first read author Donna Ledbetter's book Graduate School for Working Adults I was amazed at how the book hit home for me. Having spent years in graduate school as a working professional, I realized I passed up many opportunities to network with faculty and that lack of networking cost me greatly in my many job searches. I appreciate the how the author candidly discusses graduate school in relation to options, priorities and schedules. She also discusses the many challenges of graduate school and the important point of networking. Donna Ledbetter emphasizes nurturing the network relationships throughout the semester rather than just in the last grading periods of the semester. She explains how graduate students can use networking with the purpose of gaining knowledge from the experiences of the professors and faculty members. I totally agree with the author's point that graduate school is often much more stressful than undergraduate school. She gives lots of tips for avoiding unnecessary stress in graduate school. She comments on topics like traveling factors, online programs, financial issues, planning study schedules and general management issues in graduate schools. Great resource for prospective graduate students and definitely a wonderful reading addition for many college libraries!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Essential reading for anyone considering grad school as a working adult

By Jeff B

The decision to attend graduate school as a working adult is not one to be made lightly. You should carefully investigate what will be required of you, both financially and timewise, before you jump back into the educational world. Donna Ledbetter's book, "Graduate School for Working Adults," should be required reading for any working adult considering an advanced degree. In her book, the author explains in very great, easy-to-understand detail what going back to school would mean for not only you, but your family and friends and everyone around you. She also lays out for you the various programs and courses offered to adults who have already attended college and are looking to go back and graduate from college. Graduate school isn't for everyone and not everyone can afford it, and Ledbetter realizes this. That's why she also explains about the costs and benefits available, such as financial aid, student loans, etc. If you're honestly wanting to go back and complete a graduate degree, but your head is full of doubts and what if's, I highly recommend this book. I promise, when you're finished with this book, you will have a better understanding of just what you ought to do!

Are you ready to go back to school? Do you have what it takes to study while working on the job? Is your family prepared for the time and sacrifice that THEY will have to make for YOU? Have you gotten support from your friends? Will you tell your employer that you're going to back to school? Too often unsuspecting adults decide to apply to graduate school without thinking about these and other questions. Whether it's graduate school for nursing, psychology, or business, you invest months selecting the right school by scouring graduate school rankings. You take hours to perfect your graduate school admissions essay and personal statement. You study for who knows how long, maybe years, to ace graduate school exams, like the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, TOEFL, and GATE. You search for scholarships, grants, and loans. Yet, when it comes to thinking about how to prepare for graduate school in other ways, you're at a loss. It doesn't have to be that way. "Graduate School for Working Adults" gives you the graduate school advice you need to have tough conversations and think about the things you never thought would matter as you make your decision to go back to school. "Graduate School for Working Adults" will also help you if you've been admitted to graduate school but are finding some things difficult. You will get advice on: --How to study --How to navigate new technologies --How to network --How to win friends --How to maintain balance among life, work, and school --How to be a good parent --How to be a good spouse Going back to school after working for a while takes more planning and preparation than you think. This book will walk you through the process.