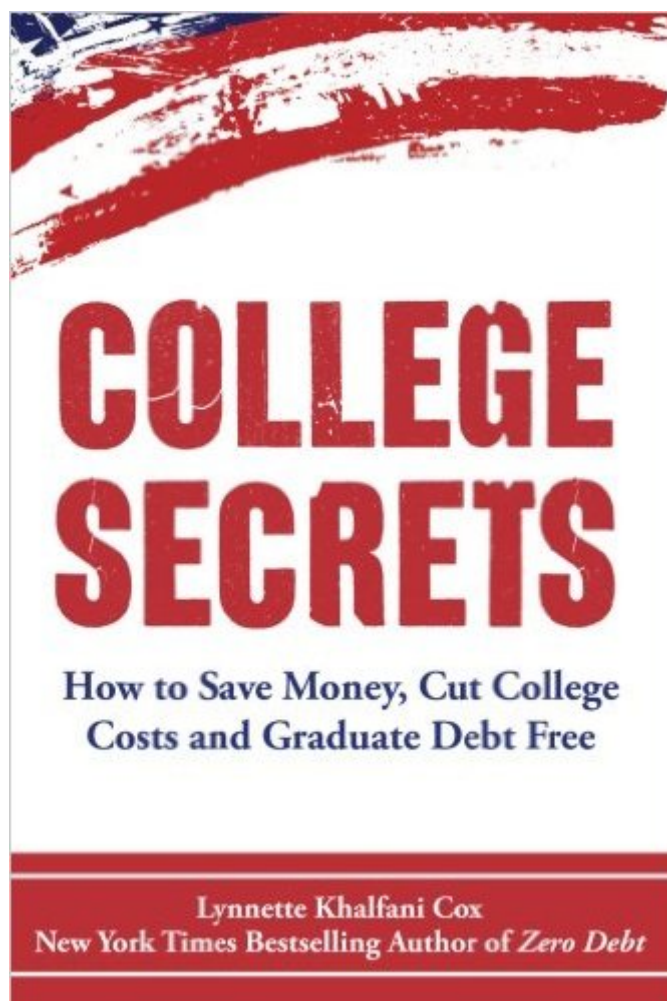


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# College Secrets: How To Save Money, Cut College Costs And Graduate Debt Free



## Synopsis

Tuition and fees are just the tip of the iceberg! To properly manage college costs, you need to understand the real price tag of a higher education, including hidden fees that surprise students after they enroll in a college or university. *College Secrets* and its companion book, *College Secrets for Teens*, reveal the true costs of earning a college degree – and then provides hundreds of money-saving ideas to help students and parents reduce or eliminate these expenses. In this book, you will discover: 22 hidden costs that college officials never talk about 24 tricks to slash in-state and out-of-state tuition costs 7 tips to keep room and board expenses under control 13 strategies to save money on books and supplies 14 lifestyle costs that students must manage wisely 6 do's and don'ts to avoid credit card debt in college 12 steps to boost your odds of winning scholarships 15 common mistakes that reduce your financial aid – and much, much more! The *College Secrets* series is your roadmap to paying for college the smart way – with some sanity, truth and planning in the process, and without going broke or winding up deep in debt.

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college costs, and shares anecdotes and advice from financial aid officers and other professionals on the "inside". The book is well researched, easy-to-follow and reads like friendly advice from your best friend who happens to be in the know. Eye-opening points include:-- You don't have to pay the sticker price for college (who knew?)-- You can negotiate financial aid (just don't call it negotiating)-- Don't assume you earn too much to qualify for an aid package-- Tuition, room and board is just the tip of the iceberg; colleges never give you an "all in" price-- Room & board at a public institution can top the cost of tuition Tips include how to:-- side-step paying top dollar for text books-- avoid hidden costs, fees and surcharges-- find money before you take out a loan or two-- borrow responsibly A parent herself, Lynnette has practical advice on how to navigate the college industrial complex. As a financial planner, I found College Secrets incredibly useful to help me prepare clients trying to get ahead of the tsunami of college costs so that their children aren't mired in debt upon graduation.

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