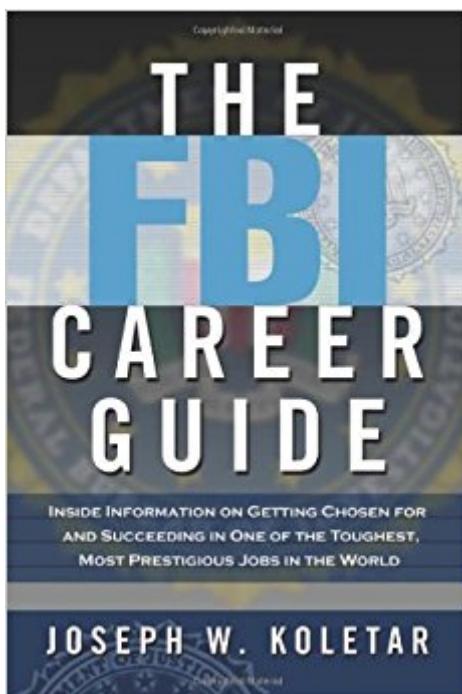


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The FBI Career Guide: Inside Information On Getting Chosen For And Succeeding In One Of The Toughest, Most Prestigious Jobs In The World



Synopsis

"In the three years following the September 11th, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Federal Bureau of Investigation hired 2,200 new Special Agents. But that was out of more than 150,000 applicants, and you can be sure the successful candidates had not only relevant backgrounds, but also determination and a genuine desire to embark on one of the most coveted, rewarding, and challenging careers in the world. The FBI Career Guide spells out exactly what the Bureau is looking for in Special Agent candidates, and how to maximize your chances of being selected from the huge applicant pool. Joe Koletar, whose own blue-ribbon career at the Bureau is second to none, shows how to get the job--and how to thrive once you've got it. His inside look at the real FBI reveals:

- * Smart educational and career decisions to improve your odds of being hired
- * How to meet and network with current FBI agents
- * What Special Agents do, day-to-day, in different roles and environments
- * How undercover investigations, SWAT team operations, and specialty assignments work
- * What agents earn, and what benefits they receive
- * The prospects for advancement, and some typical (and not so typical) career paths
- * How the job may affect your personal and family life

And much more. The FBI Career Guide also reveals the common mistakes applicants make, and shows how to avoid them. And it gives you detailed information on excelling in the Agent Training Program. Finally, the book offers profiles of real agents who have gone on to successful post-FBI careers, and will help you lay the groundwork for a rewarding life after the Bureau. Above all, The FBI Career Guide will help you find out if you've got what it takes to succeed -- and if you do, how to show it."

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Customer Reviews

I am a retired FBI Special Agent and find this book very enlightning and also entertaining. It reminds me of my FBI experiences, from Training School through my work in the different Field Offices. If I were a young person interested in Law Enforcement as a career, I would most certainly find this book as a "must" read.

I was interested in being a special agent with the FBI before reading this book and after reading it I am even more interested. This book was very good at explaining the application process for the FBI. Also gave info on a wide range of topics from the history of the FBI, to what an agent does. Anyone interested in a career as a special agent should read this for guidance and valuable insight on this career. It was very helpful to me and can help you out as well.

This was the best FBI book I've been able to get my hands on. In the book you will learn about all phases of the application process in detail. Also, you will learn which applicants are the most competitive and why. Pay grades and benefits are included and fully explained. There is also a nice section on the six month training period that takes place at Quantico, Virginia for those who are selected to join the FBI's ranks. The author describes what an average day might be like for a special agent. The reason I did not rate this book as 5 stars is because the author really did not describe the different divisions and responsibilities of each task force within the FBI (at least not with much detail). For example, he barely mentions any SWAT components and does not mention the Hostage Rescue Team at all. It would have been nice for there to have been more information about what each individual unit does and how they go about getting it done. However, I would still strongly recommend this book to anyone looking to learn the basics about the FBI. They are covered very adequately in this book.

My need for this book was not to evaluate the FBI as a career choice. I had a lot of questions regarding field office structure and procedures for investigating crimes for a mystery I'm working on. Instead of addressing my questions to the Bureau I bought this book and got immediate answers to all of my questions through my Kindle. Plus I picked up other pointers regarding investigative techniques that are helpful; e.g. witnesses should be separated and interviewed individually so they won't influence each other and form a consensus (too bad juries are allowed to do this during

deliberation). This is an excellent book for any crime writer looking for a worthwhile addition to their reference library.

I bought this because I am in the middle of going thru the hiring process. Some things are a bit different but this book is to the point and it isn't a love letter to the FBI. Great buy, I highly recommend it.

I needed to do some research for a story I was writing when I came upon this book. Koletar provides a lot of information that can seem a bit overwhelming at times but is necessary to give the reader the big picture. I enjoyed the book very much.

It was kind of entertaining, but it's not helpful if you are planning on applying to be a real special agent. It's written for someone who has already passed the tests to be an agent and I guess the FBI already has their own orientation books and courses. Also, the information is quite outdated. Don't recommend it.

A matter of fact book on the attributes of the FBI, what it takes to become an employee of the FBI, and the rigors of the work as an agent. It scraps away the veil of mysticism of the institution and gives the reader a square reality of this career field. I'd recommend this book to anyone considering work in law enforcement and thinking about the FBI.

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