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Synopsis

At top U.S. medical schools, a candidate's personal statement can help him/her to stand out in an increasingly competitive applicant pool. This publication presents 101 personal statements that enabled their authors to gain admission to the medical school of their choice. By design, they include more than 20 different topics, including the candidates' goals, personal background, clinical experience, notable accomplishments, and motivation to become a physician. The selection also includes successful responses to being waitlisted, answers to several secondary essay questions, and separate addendums to explain a disappointing GPA or MCAT score. Collectively, these statements show the many ways that candidates have presented themselves to the committee in a creative (and effective) manner. They also show the caliber of writing that is expected at top U.S. medical schools. Before you write your own statement, take the time to read several sample essays from students who have already accomplished what you are trying to do. For something this important, why leave your personal statement to chance?

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Customer Reviews

Haven't finished going through the entire book. Still working on it now. The content is good. The sample was 'deceptive' as it only had a piece of an essay and made me think the book only has pieces of essays and not the whole thing but I went ahead and purchased anyway and it does contain full Personal Statements. Not sure if there are really 101 essays in there but so far, i've read a lot of good ones. I also like how they critique of the personal statements right after the essay; i think that's very helpful. it's nice to have essays that highlights different qualities about people. The book has several essays that highlights people strong in volunteer, research, and whatever else your strong suit is. It also has good advice and tips on how to write a Personal statement. Also offers advise on the application in general. I've purchased another good book by a different author but this one has more essays. The paperback is a bit on the high side. So why the 3 stars? This book could really use a proper TOC with links. I'll give it 3.5 stars. I really hope the authors include a proper Table of content. I still recommend it. This review applies to the kindle edition. Update: I've gone through most of the book now and based on organization and the great content, I'm giving it 4 stars. I'm not sure if the essays meet the 5300 character limit. It seems like it's more when i read them but perhaps, reading on the kindle makes it seem that way. I'd rate the content 5 stars.

If I were an admissions counselor, I would not accept most of the students with these personal statements. After reading this book compared to Princeton Review's personal statement book, I view these essays as pointers as to what to AVOID when applying to medical school. The book provides no context on the students statistics, extracurricular activities, or final application decision. Why would I want to take inspiration from essays that didn't get a student into medical school? I don't. How can I return this book?

It is helpful to see some examples of personal statements but some of them are way over the top and make you feel like you haven't done anything. It is a good thing to use for your first couple of drafts.

Excellent preparation for beginning a medical school essay.

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