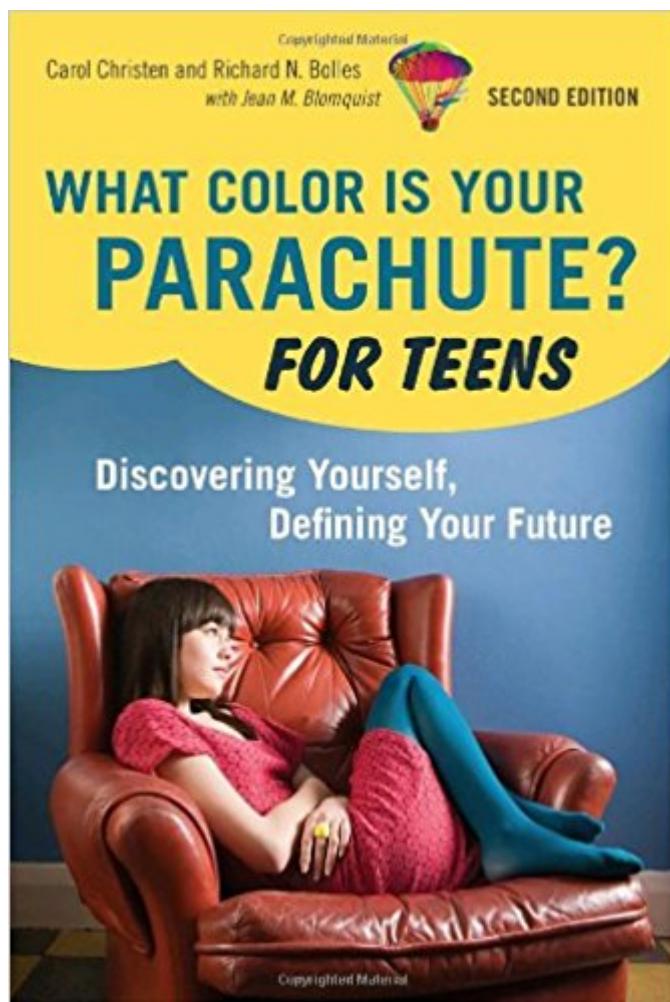


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# What Color Is Your Parachute? For Teens, 2nd Edition: Discovering Yourself, Defining Your Future



## Synopsis

In today's job market-competitive climate, you can't just wing it when you graduate and count on finding a great job (or a great job finding you). It pays to figure out your interests early, so you can decide what additional schooling—and tuition debt—makes sense for your chosen field. In *What Color Is Your Parachute? For Teens*, career authorities Carol Christen and Richard N. Bolles not only help you plan for these decisions, but also help you define the unique passions that will lead you to your dream job. With new chapters on social media and sustainable jobs—along with all-new profiles of twentysomethings who've found work in solar energy, magazine writing, and more—this new edition has all the nitty-gritty details you need to get started now. Most importantly, it's packed with the big-picture advice that will set you up to land the job that's perfect for who you are—and who you want to be.

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"You won't generally find 'How to choose a career' among high school or college classes. Young people still have to figure it out on their own. This updated career guide for teenagers, a spinoff of the original *What Color Is Your Parachute?*, seeks to fill that gap in an easy-to-digest way."—Associated Press's Finance Bookshelf,

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I am a Career and AD/HD Coach and a parent of a teen and college graduate. I have helped many teens and young adults - from 15 - 29 - identify their transferable skills and prepare a short-list of career options using this book. I find that my teen clients easily grasp the straight-forward approach and benefit from completing the Discovery Exercises. By identifying real life examples where a teen solved a problem, met a challenge or reached a goal, a student learns about his/her talents and sees how those talents could be valuable to a future employer. More importantly, they obtain advice about how to create a fulfilling life. This particular exercise helps students who might not be scholastically inclined just as much as it helps those who are at the top of their class. With my own children, the principles and "game plan" outlined in the book have helped me enlighten, guide and encourage my children. I highly recommend the book to parents, AD/HD and Career Coaches and teens who want the most out of life.

OK, how many of you would invest \$300,000 to \$500,000 in a company that had no track history, no set goals and objectives and no feel for the product it was producing? That's what folks do when they send their kids off to college hoping that, by some miracle, four years later and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent the kid will emerge with an education and a vocation. I believe that college has become an "end" rather than a "means to an end:" and that many youth are really clueless as to what they want to do when they "grow up". This book is a self-study guide (it should be used as a textbook in high schools) that will help a young person zero-in on what occupation

they might be good at and interested in when they graduate from high school. Even if, after reading the book and doing the exercises within, they don't have a solid idea of what their occupational goal is, they will be much more able to evaluate potential vocations in the future. It will put them into a frame of mind that is always asking the question, "is this type of work what I will enjoy doing?" In my experience, the book should be read and the exercises done with some sort of "coach" so that the student keeps on track and has someone to bounce ideas off of as they are going through the material.

Surely opens your eyes to who you are if you don't know fully yourself. So far this book has helped me find dream career. It's very activity related and your going to engage and write in it and it sort of becomes your journal where you find yourself and what you like to do. I surely recommend it if you lost and need direction.

This was a great help to my grandson. While visiting me last summer we went through the book together. He filled out his parachute and found out what direction he should be going. Very helpful for a teenager and very informational. Lot of good ideas. Easy for a teenager to understand. He enjoyed reading the book and doing the tasks. It kept his attention. He looked forward to going on to the next task. I certainly would recommend it

The book arrived in good condition and in a timely fashion. It was a gift to our granddaughter who was graduating from high school and she said it was very helpful to her in trying to make decisions about whether to work and delay college or to enter college. She needed help in deciding what course of studies to enter. she said it was very helpful. C. Anderson

Truthfully; I did not read this book - I bought it for my grandson. I did skim through it and my grandson said that he enjoyed the book. I bought the adult version of "What Color is Your Parachute" in 1996. I was about to retire from the Navy and start the next chapter in my life - the book was great. I believe that the teen version is probably even more useful. How many teens know what their aptitudes are and which career they are best suited for? I recommend that parents and grandparents purchase this book for their teenagers. It can provide guidance in a very uncertain period in their lives. SDSerf

A little too high level for middle school, but a great conversations starter. For high schoolers, it

should be mandatory reading!

This book was written for teens and i have recommended and bought a few for teens. However, i see the principles in this book applicable to all age groups. Carol has done a great job and I would recommend this book as a great place to begin career exploration for everyone. This book has helped highlight skills I already knew about and gave me confidence to approach my choice of volunteer work with confidence.

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