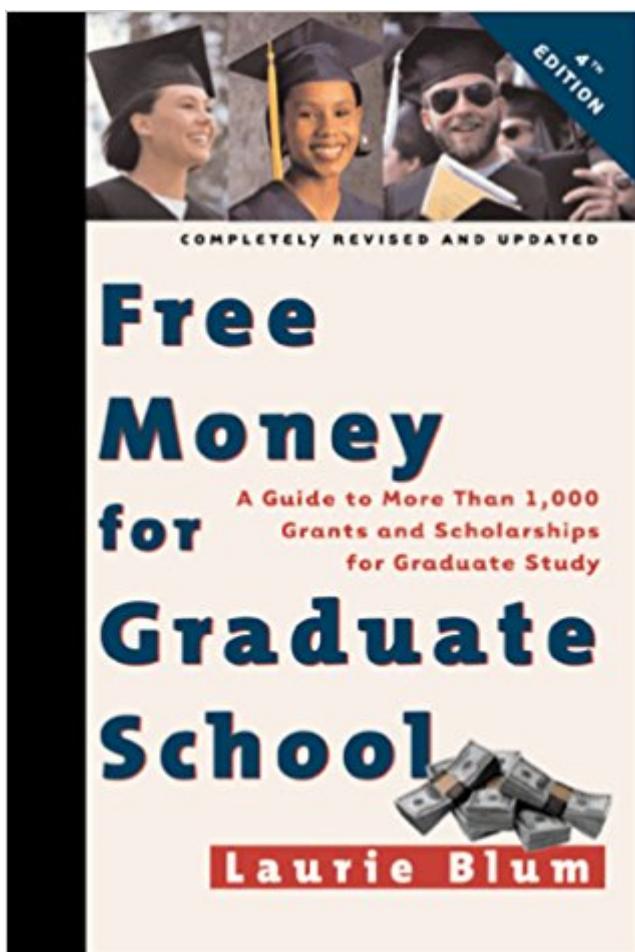


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This work is divided into nine chapters, six listing grants available in broad subject fields and three identifying awards specifically for women, ethnic group members, and study abroad. Entries contain name, address, telephone number, contact person, restrictions, nature of awards, and deadlines. While not on a par with The Grants Register, 1991-1993 (St. Martin's, 1990) or the National Register's Annual Register of Grant Support, 1991, Blum's book does list several programs that these more comprehensive sources do not include. Instead of using cross references, many entries appear verbatim in different chapters, giving the book a decidedly padded feel. This directory is useful, but not essential. -- Leonard Grundt, Nassau Community Coll. Lib., Garden City, Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Provides updated information on more than 1,000 grants, scholarships, and other sources of money. Mary Ellen Quinn Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

This book has lots of sources for students needing money for school. HOWEVER, most of the money is for students seeking a PhD, as opposed to a Master's. Still, don't let this get you down, as you just might find what you need.

Didn't help at all!!! Waste of money!!

If any research went into this book, it must have lasted about 30 minutes. I expected it to be a serious resource book which listed the many various fellowships and scholarships which truly are available at many different universities and colleges all over the U.S. Ms. Blum has not done the work necessary to make such information available. This book mentions, or describes about one-eighth of the funding that is actually available, if you are truly shopping for graduate study. How this pitiful excuse has made it into a fourth edition is a mystery to me. I guess it has been re-vamped because so many fresh undergrads or recent bachelor's degree students have not a clue as to what may be available. There should be a book (which this one is not!) for graduates who want to continue their academic careers, who do not have really helpful or generous mentors. Such a book would examine our universities in geographical sections, department by department. It would be twice as big, of course, and it would be worth a lot more money on the book market. If a searcher is expecting any real, extensive information from this book, information which is readily available via telephone and fax machine, this one falls considerably short of value.

I felt compelled to write a review for this book after reading over the others that had been written. This book seems to have gotten poor reviews from people who don't have any idea about how to research grant opportunities. There is no reason in the world for a grant guide to invest 5,000 or so pages itemizing grants available at individual institutions - the most up-to-date and thorough sources for this kind of information will always be the institutions themselves. A quick scan of any grad school guide will indicate which institutions are most generous with funding for a given field. From there, you just contact your top five choices. Personally, I would never spend \$100 on a tome that simply duplicates information available elsewhere. I am equally baffled by the reviewer that complains about the general nature of the entries. If you're looking for degree-specific funding, there are web sites for professional organizations that can help you. I found this book to do exactly what it should. It provides detailed information about grants that you are unlikely to come across from other sources. After you contact institutional grant offices and research funding for your specific degree,

this book provides a wealth of information about those grants that are more hidden away in the woodwork. For the 2001-2002 academic year, and as a doctoral student in an obscure humanities field, I have been awarded \$85,000 intended to support myself and my spouse during the final phases of dissertation completion. These funds are the product of the information provided by this book, which I can't recommend highly enough. It sounds as though the other reviewers are disappointed that one volume has not done all their work for them. For this, I would not blame Laurie Blum, but rather, the naivete of these readers.

Getting money for Graduate School is a lot like playing PowerBall, or the state Lotto. Your best bet is always institutional aid through the grad program where you applied. This book is at least a third chock full of fellowships. Many awards are for PhDs. I found two that I might qualify for as an MFA student. It's inexpensive enough, and is a quick "read" -- but don't get your hopes up. Best if you're a woman, minority (African-American, Asian, Native American, SOME latino) or looking for fellowships. No good for MFA's.

The Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowship Awards are described as "fellowships for graduate study in any discipline." The Hertz Foundation awards are for students looking into the application of the physical and technical sciences only! The Truman Scholarship are open only to college juniors, not "undergraduate and graduate students." I have only looked into two scholarships offered in this book, and already have found two errors. This Ph.D. candidate wasted his money on this book.

I am a woman pursuing a masters in architecture degree. While the book was well-organized, about 85-90% of the scholarships and grants were for doctoral candidates. Out of over 1000 grants, I only found 6 that I MIGHT qualify for, and three of them I had already heard about through my internet searches. People pursuing a masters degree would not benefit from this book...

The biggest complaint with this book is its organization. The chapters are broken down with business, law and health all together. Which makes it really hard to find something specifically in business. Another problem is the fact that most of the grants are for PHD candidates and a lot are school specific.

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