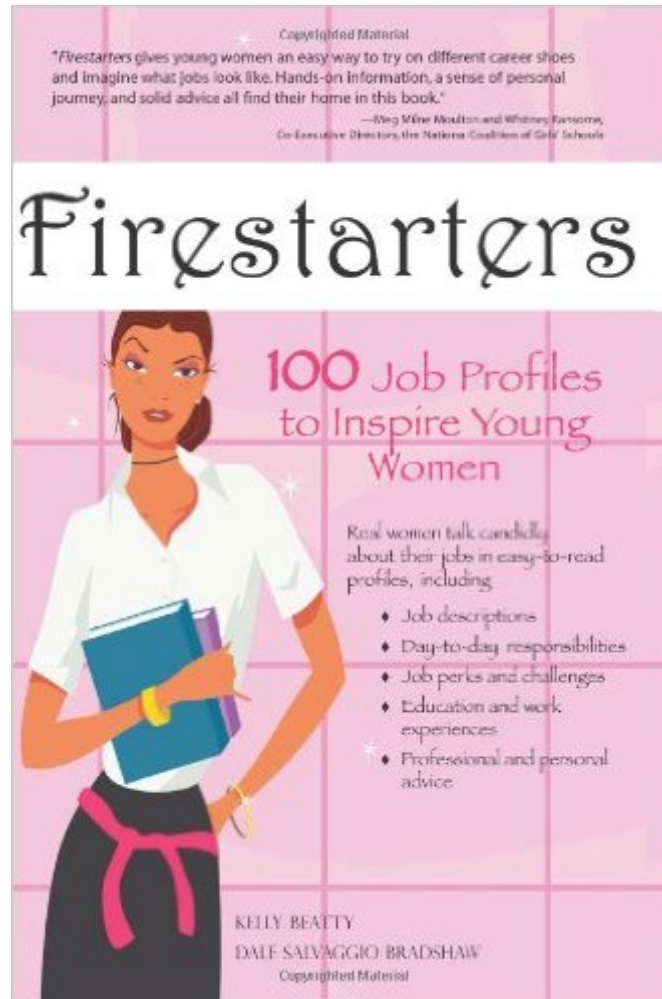


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Firestarters: 100 Job Profiles To Inspire Young Women



Synopsis

Firestarters is a helpful and inspiring book for teenage girls that describes interesting professions and fascinating new careers in an informative and positive format. The authors have interviewed 100 real, strong women with exciting and sometimes nontraditional jobs, such as photographers, opera singers, marine biologists, government officials, medical professionals, engineers, business executives, costume designers, attorneys, scientists, chefs, authors, and many, many more. The women profiled in the book were very generous with their time -- detailing what it is they really do each day; what they like and what challenges them about their jobs; what are their educational and work backgrounds and, most importantly, what advice would they give to someone like you who is searching to find a career that is fulfilling.

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Customer Reviews

I wouldn't call this book inspiring (as the cover does) simply because the profiles are too short to inspire more than a quick read. The profiles are only 1-1.5 pages per person/career and no career is listed twice. The profiles are drawn from almost every career you can imagine. The book is set up in a rather bizarre way; the profiles are listed in order of the women's first name, so you have Amy ... then Angela... etc. That means the profiles are not in 'clusters' by job area - they are random. The profiles, though short, are helpful in the sense that you get a quick overview of a job and whether you might fit well into it. The women each answer what a typical day is like, their education and training, job challenges, likes/dislikes about their job, and offer advice. The most helpful part of the profiles, to me, were the steps each woman took to get her current position. That one detail offers a

possible career ladder you can take. A cool book for teens, but not a replacement for real career books and guidance (ie Occupational Outlook Handbook).

I saw this book in the library (by chance) and took it out. It's a great book for a junior/senior high-schooler. I like that it doesn't focus on money, no annual salaries are quoted. Instead it lets real women tell about their careers, what they like and dislike about them. Highly recommended. I'm giving it for Christmas to my niece who goes to college next year without a clue about what she wants to do. This should show there's a whole world to choose from.

Much like I was when I was in high school, my daughter is unsure 'what she wants to be when she grows up'. This book is a great tool to open her mind to some of the many options there are for women today. Each profile is just a couple pages long and is broken down into sections-so it is easy to browse, even for a non-reader.

Firestarters: 100 Job Profiles to Inspire Young Women by Kelly Beatty and Dale Salvaggio Bradshaw is a great book to share with readers in a mother-daughter book club. My daughter who is in 11th grade read it at the same time I did, and we found lots to talk about regarding potential careers to match her interests. The women profiled in Firestarters have dynamic jobs, and many have changed direction sometime during the course of their careers. They give candid assessments about what a day on the job is like, and they also talk about challenges they face. If your book club takes it on as a selection, each girl could choose three or four of the jobs profiled and talk about what interests her about the work. The book would also be a great entree for moms to talk about their career pathways. I've found that as we all try to get through a busy family schedule every day, parents often don't share details about the beginning of their careers or the process they went through in deciding what to do after high school graduation. Firestarters is very accessible too. Each profile is organized the same, making it easy to pick up and read one or two profiles at a time.

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