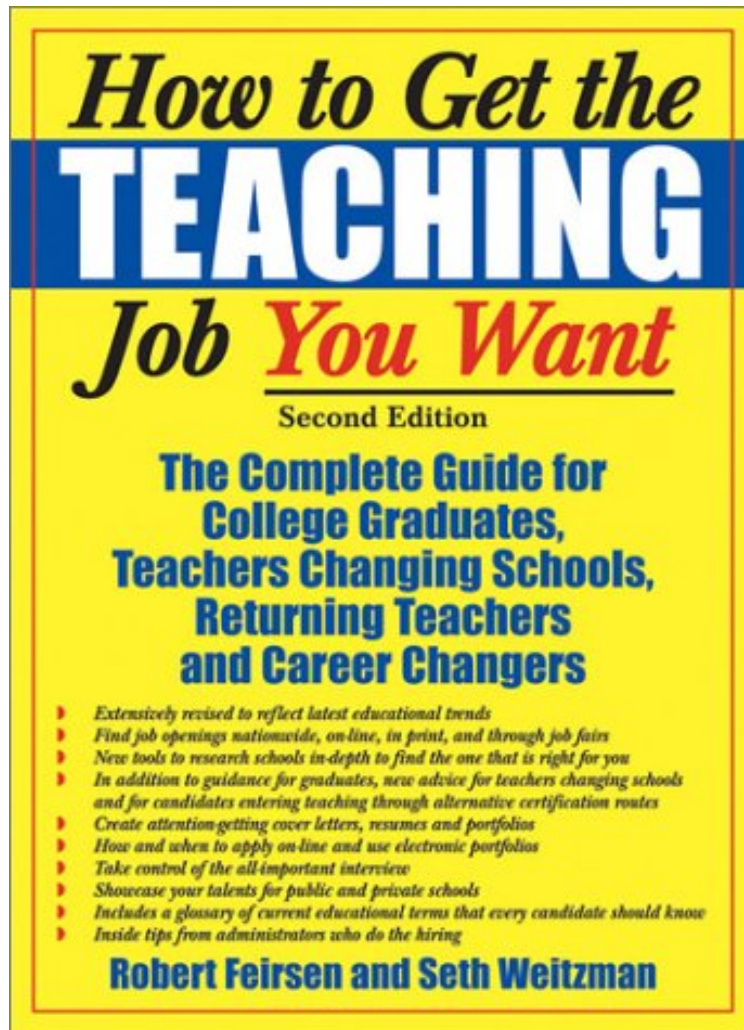


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Outdated already...a shameBy Robert D. WatsonThis book was

written in 2004, and it's already beginning to show its age. At the time, online applications hadn't really been the norm, apparently, and they recommend you look in a number of sources which, as of the time of this writing, do not appear as though they had anywhere near a large number of job offerings to be considered viable. They suggest that you mail in information, which, at least in my experience, is not something that any school is encouraging me to do, especially since I've been uploading all of my information. There is value in the job interview process chapter, the sample interview questions, and in the short discussion of some common interviewing requests, such as demonstration lessons. The latter section is unfortunately short, this guide giving only a paragraph or two to what will probably amount to the most important section of the entire interviewing process, though they did good to include the section at all. Unfortunately, it's hard to get to that point if you can't find a lot of job openings, and their sources are simply too far gone for me to consider this book a high quality recommendation, particularly when you consider that this information makes up almost a quarter of the book. If they update this book to include more information about the job hunting process in 2008 and beyond, then this will be an excellent resource. As it is, this book barely qualifies as a quality reference. Barely. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great source of information

By Kristen Collins
This book offers a lot in information to help you land a job, whether you are a new or tenured teacher. It has helped me immensely with my resume and cover letter writing. Since using their guidelines, I have landed 2 job interviews. I would definitely recommend this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More than I found on websites

By Theresa R. Joseph
This book has easy to read and use information that I could not easily find on-line. It has samples of cover letters and resumes for teacher applicants from different backgrounds which is very helpful. I can't say that I "got the teaching job that I wanted" yet but this book was a great reference. I definitely recommend it!

Competition for the best teaching jobs is becoming more intense. Since publication of the first edition, when it was mainly the most desirable schools that were deluged by applications, the economic climate has made the teacher market more competitive across the board, and is changing hiring practices. Now extensively revised, this book maintains its place as the most up-to-date book available on job hunting for teachers. The authors cover changes in the educational marketplace; the new mandates about standardized testing and public reporting of student achievement and what they mean for applicants; how new certification standards and schools requirements affect career changers; the growing acceptance of on-line applications and electronic portfolios; and provide additional advice for teachers applying to change schools or districts. This is also the only guide written by school administrators. Offering the insights and experience of two authors who do the hiring, it details a step-by-step program for taking charge of your teaching career. How to Get the Teaching Job You Want enables you to:

- * Match your unique talents to the needs of a particular school
- * Craft effective cover letters and resumes, using models that address the specific needs of college graduates, teachers changing schools, returning teachers and career changers
- * Make effective on-line applications
- * Leverage your achievements as an experienced teacher or, for graduates or career changers, student teaching, substitute teaching, volunteer work or content knowledge into a job offer
- * Locate jobs on-line and discover valuable information about schools, including test results, educational philosophy and names of key administrators
- * Design a portfolio in book or electronic format to showcase your abilities
- * Practice interview skills using 100 questions taken from real job interviews
- * Apply proven strategies for a variety of interview formats, including high stress interviews and performance interviews
- * Address controversial questions during interviews

This book covers procedures for applying to elementary, middle and high schools; public, independent, and parochial schools; as well as international and boarding schools. Anecdotes recounting the experiences of real candidates looking for jobs illustrate key points. Access to the authors web site ensures that you will stay current in a changing job market. This is a vital book for teachers and aspiring teachers who want to achieve their career goals. It will also be invaluable for guidance counselors, psychologists, librarians and other school professionals.

"[P]resents a well-organized, comprehensive system for finding a teaching job. The authors, Feirson and Weitzman, provide detailed instructions and practical worksheets that can be adapted to the needs of candidates in different phases of their career. This is a thorough handbook for candidates seeking a teaching job, taking them from creating a personal profile to settling salary issues. This is an ideal reference book for Academic Advisors of education majors as the book provides vital guidance for assisting advisees through the job search process." (National Academic Advising Association Journal)

"I used the contents of Dr. Feirson and Dr. Weitzman's book, How To Get the Teaching Job You Want to develop a resume, create cover letters, prepare for interviews, and compose follow-up letters in pursuit of my first teaching position in an elementary school. This book helped me identify those aspects of my education and employment history which are most valuable for an elementary school teaching position. How To Get the Teaching Job You Want is designed for educators. There is no book like it on the market. I thank Dr. Feirson Dr. Weitzman for helping me highlight my strengths and accomplishments in the teaching profession. By using the information in this book as guidance, I secured a position in a school of excellence on Long Island. I will recommend this book to anyone who is going into the education field! (Julia Kelleher, Kindergarten Teacher)"

A straightforward, 'user friendly' career

guide for graduates newly entering the education field as well as classroom teachers who are changing school or district job assignments. A practical resource to finding job openings; crafting a polished cover letter and resume; performing well in the job interview; and so much more, *How to Get the Teaching Job You Want* is an absolute 'must-have' for anyone seriously pursuing teaching-related employment in this modern era of constant school related job market shifts." (The Bookwatch)I can't tell you how much your book has helped me in my career. It helped me write a powerful resume and cover letter, and boosted my confidence with the whole interviewing process. The administrator that hired me told me that I was only called because my resume caught his eye. (Elizabeth Phillips, Teacher (New York))I signed a contract today. I attribute the strategies in your book with helping me get a teaching position. (Joyce Conger, Teacher (Texas))An invaluable resource. Easy to follow and chock full of pertinent information, its one of the most useful how-to books Ive read in a long time. The sample cover letters and resumes are excellent, and the exercises the book offers help the reader to feel organized and productive from beginning to end of the job search process. I will continue to recommend this book to Bank Street students and alumni. (Susan Levine, Director, Career Services)I tell everyone looking for a job in education to get this book. Make it your first stop on the road to a teaching job. (Maureen Hocker, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources)I recommend this book to all of my students, even those interested in working outside education. The authors expertly share their experiences in hiring school personnel and offer strategies to help applicants stand out from the crowd. Readers are walked through every step of the job search process in a practical, clear and concise manner. (Jennifer S. Tramontozzi, Career Counselor)About the AuthorRobert Feirsen was an elementary and middle school principal before attaining his current position as Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Manhasset, New York. He has experience in both public and private schools.Seth Weitzman is Principal of the Hommocks Middle School, Mamaronck USD, New York. He has been a principal and teacher for over fifteen years, with experience in both public and private schools.