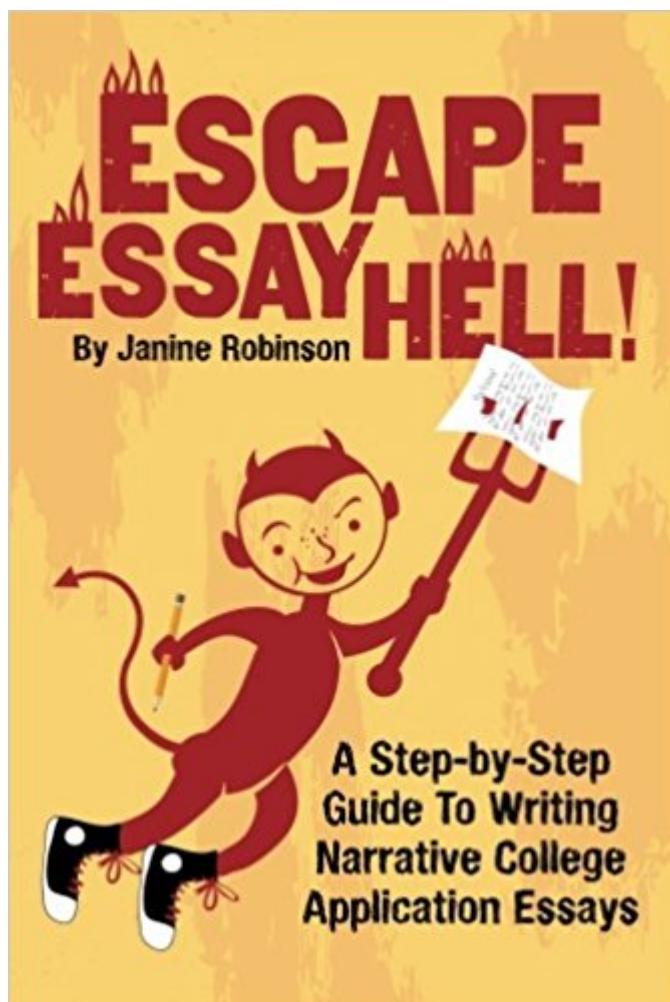


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# Escape Essay Hell!: A Step-by-Step Guide To Writing Narrative College Application Essays



## **Synopsis**

Escape Essay Hell! is a fast-and-easy guide to writing narrative-style essays for college application essays. Janine Robinson, a former journalist, magazine editor and English teacher who has tutored college-bound students on these essays for the last decade, acts as a personal writing coach to guide and cheer students through this dreaded process. College admissions experts advise students to "Tell a story" or "Make the essay about you!" or "Stand out!" And this is all correct. But no one ever explains exactly HOW to do this. Until now. In her short-and-easy guide, Janine takes students through 10 simple steps to find engaging topics and then craft compelling "slice-of-life" essays using storytelling writing techniques. Students will learn how to identify their unique defining qualities, power their essays with engaging real-life stories called anecdotes, and use an effective Show and Tell writing formula. Escape Essay Hell! helps students write personal statements for The Common Application, state universities (University of California, University of Texas, etc), private colleges (from Harvard and Yale to smaller liberal arts schools, such as Brown, Wellesley, Rice, Pomona, etc.), graduate school, transfer and scholarship essays. By following these simple steps, students will escape Essay Hell in no time at all---and have their best shot at landing in their dream school (often despite less-than-stellar grades and test scores)! For more help, go to [EssayHell.com](http://EssayHell.com), where more than 4 million visitors have found writing tips, strategies and advice. Janine Robinson also works privately and in groups with students from all over the world using Skype. Learn more about her tutoring and editing services at [EssayHell.com](http://EssayHell.com).

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This book provides an easy step-by-step process for writing the type of college essay universities admissions departments are looking for. My now-in-college daughter used it, and we just purchased a second copy for my soon-to-be writing college applications daughter. The book provides good examples and makes the process as pain-free as possible. We'll be passing it on to others after my daughter is done.

This is a great book for those that have trouble getting started writing that dreaded college essay especially if your not an avid writer. The step by step method helps get the layout and outline started. It's also good to get a feel for what the essay readers are looking for. Thanks for the little push that was needed to get the ball rolling.

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