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Resumes for children : 17 years old and under ; yes, really! / by Donna Kristine Manley. Conyers, Ga. : Christiana Press, 2006.

PAP, 0977783502, list price: \$14.99; order direct online, Bookch.com. 650.14. Resumes. 99 p. ; 29 cm. All ages. Rating : 5.

As society becomes more and more competitive in every area of life, most parents are always looking for ways to give their child any advantage they can find. In *Resumes for Children 17 Years Old and Under*, Donna Kristine Manley gives parents a new tool to help give their child an edge in being successful through a collection of sample resumes. Yes, resumes just like Mom and Dad have.

Although it may sound strange, this is actually a clever idea. Manley gives 21 prototype resumes covering such career goals as Aspiring Pilot, Sign Language Interpreter, Craftsman, and Aspiring Marine Biologist. They are examples of resumes for children six to 17 years old. Naturally, the resumes are designed to illustrate the basic components of building a resume, and to get parents and their child thinking about the types of items they can include in the child's resume. In addition to helping the family to focus on the child's interests, the resumes also boost the child's self esteem as he sees his skills and knowledge increasing as the resume grows.

Another handy feature is the section on sample cover letters. Manley demonstrates how to write letters seeking sponsors for overseas experiences, a competition, or to participate in a camp. The samples are well crafted, concise, and can be easily

adapted. Manley offers two pages of idea starters and there are 40 lined pages for collecting Reflections, Ideas, and Resources. This book is a great resource for parents to help prepare their child for the real world while giving them insights into his interests and skills.

Jeff Friend

Built to last : building America's amazing bridges, dams, tunnels, and skyscrapers / George Sullivan. LCCN 2004060996. New York : Scholastic Nonfiction, 2005.

HBB, 0439517370, list price: \$18.99. 624/.0973. Civil engineering--United States--History--Juvenile literature. 128 p. : ill. (some col.), col. maps ; 24 x 32 cm. All ages. Rating : 5.

Using photographs, period sketches and diagrams, narrative text, side bars, and captions, George Sullivan introduces the reader to seventeen architectural and engineering accomplishments in the United States. *Built to Last* is divided into time periods starting with The Early Republic and continuing to the present.

The structures represented in the book include the Erie Canal, the transcontinental railroad, the Hoover Dam, and the Sears Tower. The narrative tells the story of building each of these. The side bars and captions include additional tidbits of information.

Illustrations of period sketches and diagrams add to the historical value and full color photographs (including double page spreads) bring the structure into the current day. Younger children will enjoy looking at the pictures, elementary students can learn from the shorter captions and side bars without reading the entire text, and older readers could use the book for research or just to gain information. The book closes with suggestions for further reading, web sites to visit, and an index.

Built to Last was a 2006 James Madison Award honor book.

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