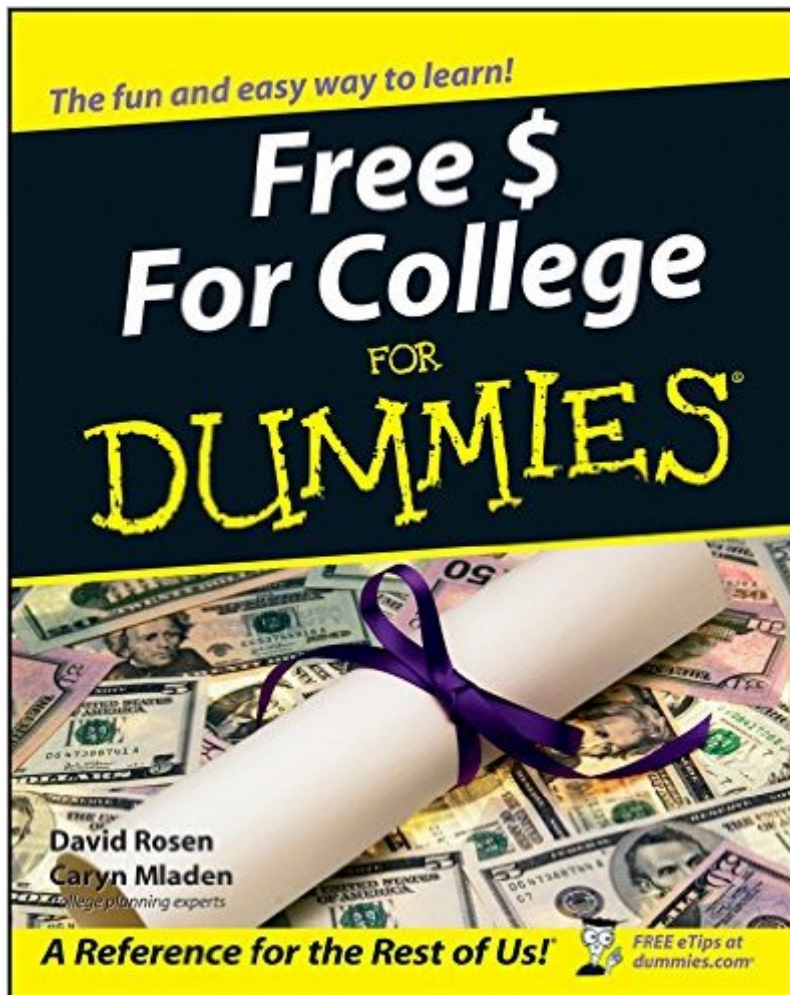


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I originally borrowed this book from my local library but after reading through it a bit, I knew I had to have it! The information is good and easy to understand. I recommend it for anyone seriously looking into alternative ways of paying for college or just understanding what is going on around them.

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