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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. good read, but take it with a grain of salt By Paul author outlines in a fun narrative his first year experience at HBS. definitely accurate in the larger sense of his descriptions about culture, etc. however, he did write this back in 1994, so some details have changed with the HBS program (obviously). you'll enjoy it if you don't obsess about every detail. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Deserves MUCH More Attention By Dr. Cathy Goodwin After not only getting an MBA, but teaching in business schools for nearly twenty years, I recommend this book to anyone considering an MBA. When students complained about their MBA programs, I would urge them to read this book so they'd realize Harvard isn't perfect either. Reid takes you through the day to day life of a first-year MBA student. In a microcosm like HBS, little things make the difference: "air time" in class, getting into the right study group, and more. Reid also offers some perspective that may be missed by those unfamiliar with b-schools. Clients often ask career coaches (like me) about whether getting an MBA is a wise

decision. Reid shows clearly that some people and some career destinations benefit more than others. He himself can maximize the degree's value: aged 26 when he entered (he turned 27 his first year), experience with a top consulting firm, personable and friendly. Read between the lines if you can. MBAs are social. They network. Sure they have to crack the books but success ultimately depends on interpersonal skills -- fitting into section parties, ski weekends and Caribbean getaways. These folks are definitely bright and beautiful. And don't miss his irritation with Harvard: outrageous residence costs, outdated materials in certain courses, uneven distribution of tenured "name" professors across sections, and more. Yet in the end, Reid admits, the big "H" counts for a lot in the business world. I wish we could learn what happened to him and his Harvard friends. Was it all worth it?...4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Must-have Book for all Business Graduate Students. By Mike (mshtan@pacific.net.sg) As a soon-to-be graduate student at a top b-school that focuses on the case-study method, I was at first rather apprehensive when I read through Reid's book. It felt that I panicked or was frustrated whenever the author panicked or was frustrated (which was a lot), but I also found that I laughed whenever the author laughed and related exceptionally well to his candor. Basically, I feel that in a small way, I have already experienced that harrowing first year. Reid's book has practically prepared me for my upcoming year by literally giving me tips on what university, the faculty, and fellow students will expect of me and what I can expect of them. A must-have, light-hearted, and down-to-earth book on a not so down-to-earth institution.

In the tradition of Scott Turow's *One L*, this intimate, no-holds-barred portrait chronicles the average student's experience at Harvard Business School, from the grueling application process to the fierce jockeying for professors' attentions to the bizarre courtship rituals which leading businesses use to lure Harvard enrollees.

From Publishers Weekly Harvard Business School inevitably engenders interest and/or envy because it has trained legions of successful managers. Reid, a recent graduate, presents an insider's view of his grueling first year. While his description of the school's administration is hardly flattering, Reid depicts instructors as genuinely interested in educating students. Regrettably, though, the author never confronts whether earning the MBA is an intellectual experience or mere professional training leading to \$1250-per-week summer internships and \$80,000 salaries. Many students, he observes, seem preoccupied with grades, sitting in the "right" seats at lectures and handling instructors' "cold calls," polishing resumes, joining clubs and prepping for interviews. Yes, Reid is ambivalent. His intimate study will enthrall, and possibly unnerve, those planning to attend Harvard Business, or any other business school. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.