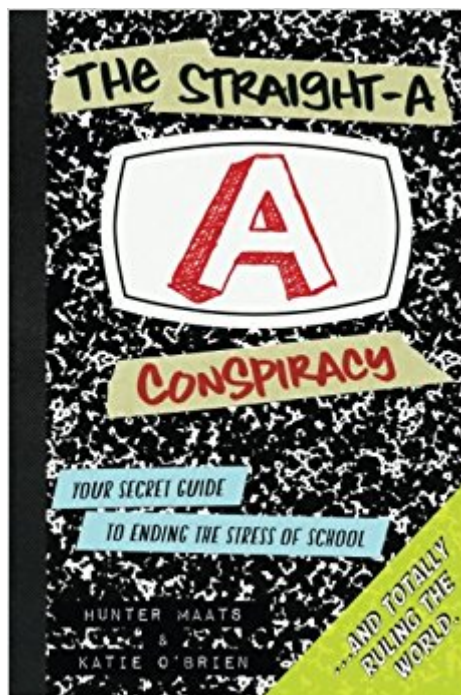




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# The Straight-A Conspiracy: Your Secret Guide To Ending The Stress Of School And Totally Ruling The World



## Synopsis

What if the only reason you aren't doing well in school is that you've been lied to about your own brain? For centuries, students worldwide have been tricked into making school less successful and more stressful than it needs to be. In reality, you already have the ability to make anything that you do in school easy. From writing essays to mastering any math concept to acing even your most difficult final exam, *The Straight-A Conspiracy* takes you through the simple, stress-free ways to conquer any class in school. The truth about straight-A's has been kept from you. It's time you knew about *The Straight-A Conspiracy*. También disponible en español como *La Conspiración de las Calificaciones Perfectas*.

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## Customer Reviews

[Katie O'Brien and Hunter Maats] destroy the notion that you have to be born smart to understand complex concepts and get good grades. - GeekDad, Wired.com By using concrete research in a way that speaks directly to teenagers, Maats and O'Brien hope to dispel the image of the rumpled genius, being brilliant in spite of himself. - Holly Korbey, NPR's MindShift A guide to learning that is really entertaining. Even if you're not a reader and you get bored quickly...you won't get bored with this. This is a clear-cut win for common sense. - Jordan Rich, The Jordan Rich Show, WBZ Boston

Hunter Maats and Katie O'Brien were classmates at Harvard College. Since graduating, they have worked with thousands of students as tutors, teachers, and public speakers on a mission to put

students everywhere back in control of their educations. For more information, visit [thestraightaconspiracy.com](http://thestraightaconspiracy.com).

I work as a college academic counselor and basically work with students that are struggling academically. I think this is a great book for anywhere from junior high thru high school even some college freshman that need a bit of help. It is written for the student but could also be helpful for parent to read if parent is involved with their child's school and trying to help them. It gives pointers on why some students are the way they are (ex. the student isn't really 'dumb' or not smart enough for the class or 'just too lazy' but may actually be afraid of failure so would rather be seen as lazy, etc.) Gives ways to build confidence in self as a student and gives pointers for specific areas most students struggle in (test taking, paper writing, math, etc.) Provides great examples, too.

I found this book to be great for stimulating discussions on effective ways of studying, learning, and teaching. I belong to different communities with focuses on innovative methods of teaching. The authors are very experienced tutors and know excellent techniques of explaining difficult topics, such as composite functions in an easy way. I will recommend this book to K-12 students but also to college freshmen as well as to teachers and teaching assistants. This is a terrific book for all ages. It was really enjoyable to discuss the topics presented in the book with my husband and daughter. Each of us has a different education background and learning experiences, and each of us has some teaching experience too. The book is inspirational and motivating for everyone. We had a wonderful exchange of our interpretations and reflections after reading this book. I would love to invite the authors to the classroom with students who have read their book for a discussion. I have no doubts that several of these types of interactions with diverse groups would motivate these very talented and passionate authors to write another book with new fascinating discoveries and new tips on how to enjoy learning and be successful in school.

I've read through the book and I'm reading through the book with both of my sons who are on the Autism spectrum. I love how the book lays out not only the techniques for studying and getting good grades, but without making them feel dumb, explains exactly why they haven't been successful so far and exactly why it is they can do this. They seem to be understanding. #2 son is starting school today and #1 son starts in a couple weeks. I would love to get this book into the hands of middle school teachers everywhere. Let's face it. Most of the subjects we learn in High School aren't that important but these skills that we use to apply to those subjects are the critical skills for life.

The Staright-A Conspiracy hits home with me. What I liked: + It is a book which everyone can pick up. + It has a lot of insight and offers great explanations (even though I myself found it to be almost too thurrow). + Demonstrates the potential of every person and really convinces the reader that they, as well as everyone else, can pursuit and achieve greatness. What I thought could be improved:- The Straight-A conspiracy has a lot of small boxes with "interesting" and vaguely related facts. I myself found some of them amusing, but they were, generally, just distracting. - (I cannot believe I am writing this, but) The book tries too hard to be easy to read. It talks directly to the reader in a almost silly way from time to time. Overall, it is a book I wish I would have read five years ago; however, even to a student at university, such as myself, the book was a good read. If you are struggling with school or just generally want to improve your outlook on learning new things, this is one of many books which might help you.

I teach a high school course for struggling students. These are kids who have tremendous aptitude but have lost confidence in their ability to be good students. They think of themselves as not smart, bad at math, and believe those "facts" will never change. Reading this book together has transformed their stinking thinking and given them simple tools to begin turning those grades around. Understanding that practice is what makes a genius and that all information was once new to everyone on earth has given them hope that they, too, can master everything from Algebra to Elizabethan sonnets. I cannot recommend this book highly enough!

I loved this book. I bought it for my grandson, before I had read it myself, as a gift at his 8th grade graduation. Now, I have to find a way to get him to read it. I just wish I had read it in high school. I honestly believe it would have made a big difference. Knowing what to do in school to get the most out of it, is an education in itself. This book would help so many students. Please, do not pass this up if you want to succeed at learning.

This is a book, I wish like the lottery I had as a kid. I am a video gaming, internet addicted, collegiate C student and part time athlete. Although with shame I admit, for the first time in my adult life, I can say I read a book front to back multiple times just for myself. Not only is it full of "Aha" insight, it's easy to read. This is especially true for someone frustrated with learning complex new things well, or quickly (I'm pointing to myself). If you can't get your kid to read it, read it for them or read it to them. We need this type of wisdom as a country and as a species. Thank you Hunter Maats for

breaking down and spelling out this problem. This is a well priced book. The delivery was also very satisfying.

Heard about this book on Brian's pod cast (that Hunter also hosts). Reading it now and hope my daughter reads it. I love, so far, what they have to say and the research they did. Thank you guys for doing this!

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