

Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite and the Way to a Meaningful Life By William Deresiewicz **Excellent Sheep kindle direct** The admissions process at selective universities drives a meritocracy that has already-privileged kids competing with each other from a very early age to secure an artificially scarce spot at the most prestigious schools (where prestige is dubiously defined by being the hardest schools to get into). **Excellent sheep audiobook** The promulgation of the worldview that the only way to succeed is through cut-throat competition produces a generation of kids whose only definition of success is to get to the top.

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To making triple sure all options remain open. **Book excellent sheep** When I got off the fence from having to decide between my offer from Salomon Brothers (the hot ticket in the spring of '91 following the publication of "Liars' Poker" the summer of '90 and the choice I went for) and my offer to study Applied Mechanics at Stanford.

## Excellent sheep book

As I've said in other reviews every time I read a book about higher education it stirs my emotions up to such an extent that I cannot help but write an intensely personal review. **Book Excellent sheepish** If you were raised in a middle class American family then quite likely the main goal not just of your education but of your entire childhood was "to get into a good college. **Excellent sheep deresiewicz** And even if your parents didn't feel that way as mine didn't if you were placed in a "gifted" class through elementary and high school your very identity was tied up in your academic success. **Excellent Sheep booking** It's not just that the majority of students are choosing career-oriented majors; it's that the Big Questions of Life that the humanities are meant to address are given mere lip service. **Book excellent sheep** It's not just the academic failure; it's the guilt for wasting my parents' money and the shame of having dabbled in paths (and relationships) that are absolutely forbidden by the Torah. **Book excellent sheep** He's an English professor so the book has quite a few literary references but Dorothea gets the most attention (or perhaps as a George Eliot fan she just naturally draws mine). **Excellent sheep pdf** In another part of the book he makes a call for improving conditions for teachers so that talented students will be attracted away from the well-worn career paths of finance and law. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** If some excellent sheep decide to share the benefits of their elite education wouldn't that make a start on correcting the educational inequality he decries so strongly throughout the book? It's like he's trying to inspire future teachers on one hand and then smacking them for their arrogance with the other. **Excellent sheep by william deresiewicz** Now it may well be that the technocratic mindset is what formed our test-centered school system but I prefer when politicians say "This election is about solving problems" to "This election is about values. **Book excellent sheep** I had recently dropped out of graduate school—full of disgust and indignation—and as a form of self-therapy I was busy reading everything I could find about the flaws of higher education. **Book excellent sheep** A few days later I was in the car with my mom and my brother (we were dropping my brother off at his elite university) bitterly complaining and at great length about the evils of the system. **Excellent sheep book** They need to get excellent grades take all the toughest subjects be leaders in extra-curriculars—at least six!—maybe found a few clubs themselves outcompete their peers in the SAT and in general tick off all the rights boxes. **Book Excellent sheepshead** The problem of course is that the things that look good to the college admission office often have dubious educational value and are most often the product of privilege as much as talent. **Book Excellent sheep** The vignette that most stuck with me was about the "college enrichment programs" that took young people on carefully choreographed trips so they would have some good stories for their college essays. **Book**

**Excellent sheepdog** And yet they are enmeshed in an educational system that encourages them to put themselves into boxes for admissions that rarely challenges their fundamental beliefs and that leaves them with a sense of entitlement a sense that they deserve all of the nice things their elite education will give them. **Book Excellent sheep's** He has a lot to say about the value of a liberal education about self-discovery taking risks questioning beliefs developing a philosophy finding your real passion and lots of other nice clichés. **Book excellent sheep** What has this educational model done to our country and how can we fix it? All the recent presidents as products of the system come in for a good bashing—especially Barack Obama who Deresiewicz finds to be arrogant condescending technocratic while totally blind to genuine ideological differences. **Book Excellent sheepish** He makes sweeping generalizations all written in antitheses: “Everybody is doing this and nobody is doing that All of us care about this and none of us pays attention to that” and so on. **Book excellent sheep** You simply cannot measure the inherent ‘worth’ of a person so you end up measuring people against some arbitrary standard—like analytical intelligence or academic pedigree—imposed by the outside. **Excellent sheep book** A meritocratic system is not necessarily fair—since people’s worth cannot be measured—nor is it necessarily effective—since chance will always play a role—nor is it necessarily just—since meritocratic systems can still be highly unequal. **Kindle Excellent sheepskin** The American elite educational system tends to reward certain qualities that are not necessarily desirable (and which are usually associated with wealthy families) and then treat this unequal distribution as justified. **Excellent Sheep booking** But when you think about it is it really fair that educational resources and prestige be concentrated in very few very expensive institutions instead of distributed more evenly throughout the system? I agree with this fundamental critique. **Book excellent sheep** While I am naturally very sympathetic to this idea I always ask myself: Are the liberal arts compatible with big institutions? Can a tradition predicated on free thought on questioning authority and on open enquiry—a tradition that is not oriented towards job skills or economic gain—be made compatible with an organization of power and wealth? Can we really expect students to pay enormous tuitions to induct them into the life of the mind? Or can we expect tax-payers to support universities that do the same? To me it seems that in the United States by asking our universities to be both liberal arts colleges and pre-vocational training we are asking the impossible. **Book excellent sheep** There's an element of dark humor and satire here which I loved he's been hurt and is willing to air a lot of dirty laundry in this book as a privileged but ultimately alienated insider. **Book excellent sheep** This is a great book for any college student and their parents to understand the real nature of academia this was a very very useful book in terms of career discernment and really picking the best school and major for yourself. **Book Excellent sheep** He flat out tells you the schools are NOT on your side and I can say having obtained two degrees and worked within higher education for over a decade he's right on the money. **Book excellent sheep** This is a wake up call for our country to reclaim its soul we've lost it the switch began a long long time ago when leadership became associated with personality instead of character. **Kindle Excellent sheep's** Can't say enough good things about this book finally someone else gets it! 9781476702711 Worth a read but is really a good magazine article stretched into a meandering book (that's ok idea books these days are. **Excellent Sheep pdf24** My suggestion is read the Part 1 (Why our colleges are filled with overstressed well trained bland rich kids) and Part 4 (Why these same people are doing such a crappy job of running the world). **Book Excellent sheep** His critique blends how the current system of education reinforces class structure how the lack of rigor at top schools prevents real learning and how the race to get into a good college obscures students' search for their true selves. **EBook Excellent sheepadoodle** How about waiting tables yourself so you can see how hard it is not only physically but mentally? You really aren't as smart as everyone's been telling you; you're only smarter in a certain way and only than your peers in the propertied class. **Book Excellent sheep's** While I wish I had gotten more perspective from schools outside of Yale Pomona and a couple of others Deresiewicz still presents well-balanced ideas and thoughts outside of his own. **Excellent sheep book** A few takeaways from the book that I agree with: instead of giving preference to students who attend programs or trips thanks to their parents'

money reward students who survive and surpass real struggle. **Book Excellent sheepdog** Excellent Sheep takes a sharp look at the high-pressure conveyor belt that begins with parents and counselors who demand perfect grades and culminates in the skewed applications Deresiewicz saw firsthand as a member of Yale's admissions committee. **Book excellent sheep** He addresses parents students educators and anyone who's interested in the direction of American society featuring quotes from real students and graduates he has corresponded with over the years candidly exposing where the system is broken and clearly presenting solutions. **Excellent sheep book** Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite and the Way to a Meaningful Life Having just graduated from one of the elite universities that Deresiewicz mentions in this book I am punching myself over and over again for not reading this book four years ago when I was about to start my freshman year. **Book excellent sheep** So many of his points I have thought about throughout my college education but my thoughts were fragmented with no real basis of support except for my own experiences and those of my immediate friends. **Excellent Sheep booklet** To witness Deresiewicz turn my unstructured and at times inconsistent thoughts and give them substance and anecdotes that confirmed my suspicious about the failures of my education felt like immense relief. **Book excellent sheep** Most students (and more so their parents) all operate by the same formula - score a perfect SAT score take as many AP tests as possible and fill afterschool time and weekends with as many extracurriculars as possible. **Book Excellent sheep's** My peers in high school know exactly how to trick the system to get an A or how to schmooze your way to leadership in an org but very few learn to use their minds. **Excellent sheep full book pdf** Classes in philosophy because I hadn't completed in debate in high school art history so I could become part of the upper middle-brow and read book summaries for my sociology classes like the Yale student the author describes because there's a bigger social reward for being able to talk about books than for actually reading them. **Book Excellent sheepshead** While many students still major in economics to signal their interest in finance or consulting computer science as a gateway to software engineering or one of seven biology concentrations to fulfill premed requirements the Harvard faculty has been careful not to overwhelm these concentration requirements. **Book excellent sheep** It's a shame that in computer science many of my peers who fulfilled their 10 class requirements turned to mathematics or statistics to gain more knowledge and make use of their undergraduate years but what I hope Harry Lewis and other computer science faculty were trying to encourage is for us to explore the breadth of other fields out there. **Excellent Sheep ebook3000** When students from other schools companies or even pre-frosh interested in computer science criticize the dearth of practical computer science classes and lack of offerings I've never thought that it might have been designed this way on purpose to push us towards getting the most of our liberal arts degrees. **Book excellent sheep** Which is why I scoffed at government classes that assigned more reading than was possible within a school-week thinking that professors are overestimating their students as well as philosophy classes that made us recount Descartes's and Hume's arguments that seemed completely outdated and irrelevant. **EPub Excellent sheepdog** Only in this book did I realize that it was precisely these classes that were supposed to be teaching me the value of a college education to develop the habit of skepticism and the capacity to put it into practice. **Excellent sheep book** Deresiewicz hits it right in the gut: If you find yourself to be the same person at the end of college as you were at the beginning - the same beliefs the same values the same desires the same goals for the same reasons - then you did it wrong. **Book excellent sheep** When we engage in humanistic inquiry - when we think about a poem or a sculpture or a piece of music - we ask not how big is it or how hot is it or what does it consist of but what does it mean. **Excellent Sheep book** We ask of a scientific proposition Is it true? but of a proposition in the humanities we ask 'Is it true for me?' Literature allows us to escape into whole universes and the lives of other characters into whom we can project our own experiences. **Book Excellent sheep's** Finally Deresiewicz tears into the American political elite and though he wrote this before the Trump administration came into office it may shed some light on the era of populism in the United States. **Book Excellent sheepskin** If Romney seems like an extreme example of our out-of-touch elite consider the two Democratic nominees who preceded

our current president Al Gore and John Kerry: one each from Harvard and Yale both earnest decent intelligent men both utterly unable to communicate with the larger electorate. **Book Excellent sheep** In the same way that we transitioned from a aristocratic elite to a meritocratic one how can we transition from a meritocracy to (what Deresiewicz calls) a democracy? 9781476702711 Dennis slogs into my therapy office at about 5:30 in the afternoon looking worse for the wear and tear. **Book Excellent sheepshead** He's watched his peers travel down this same road and though he longs for something of greater meaning he would feel ashamed if he didn't make as much money as his friends. **Kindle Excellent sheep** She says "If I don't finish my homework my teacher will get mad at me!" She finishes up in the next fifteen minutes and begs to be able to watch some TV on her computer before she has to go to sleep in order to get up at 6:30 in the morning to get ready to go to school and take a math test. **Excellent Sheep kindle direct** Compared to the limitations of public schools with inconsistent quality of instruction unpredictable budgets and teaching to the test I know my daughter is very lucky to be in the school that she currently attends. **Book excellent sheep** However is there something we are all missing? Are we thinking hard enough about the kinds of people we are creating by the way we are educating our children? I've railed about this issue to the many clients in my practice who suffer from Dennis's syndrome but I have felt like a voice crying alone in the wilderness until I read Excellent Sheep by William Deresiewicz. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** Deresiewicz's book is a passionate indictment of our culture-at-large and most pointedly at the pinnacle of our educational system the Ivy League schools which are supposed to represent the ideal of achievement in our culture. **Book Excellent sheepshead** "Our system of elite education manufactures young people who are smart and talented and driven yes but also anxious timid and lost with little intellectual curiosity and a stunted sense of purpose; trapped in a bubble of privilege heading meekly in the same direction great at what they're doing but with no idea of why they are doing it. **Book Excellent sheepskin** Deresiewicz believes that the system is actually working in the way it is meant to: it is creating a class of people who are more than willing to sacrifice their lives and individuality for their corporate overlords who are excellent at doing the soul-numbing tasks required to make their bosses obscene amounts of money and whose form of American servitude includes a very nice bonus at the end of the year. **Excellent Sheep pdf editor** Deresiewicz asserts that though this system produces an endless stream of chattel to fatten the pockets of their Wall Street bosses it is not only bad for the health of the individual victim but ultimately as the history of the last six years has borne out bad for the economy as well. **Excellent Sheep kindle cloud** In an educational system that rewards the cleverest manipulator but does little to forge goodness and character is it any wonder that the results would be in the end for the greatest number ruinous? Mr. **Excellent Sheep ebooks free** This educational approach has a thread that extends from Confucius in ancient China where studying the ancient texts of the wise was the source of the greatest pleasure; to the German idea of bildung which asserts that the purpose of education is a self-cultivation that leads to the optimal development of the whole person leading to the greatest contribution to society as a whole; to the American ideal of the educated citizen which is the foundation upon which true democracy is built. **Excellent sheepkiller/kafka-manager** I don't want to quibble on the grounds of political correctness but if I had any argument with his polemic it is that he does not spend enough time pointing to the long history of humanism and how it popped up in lots of cultures other than European ones. **Book Excellent sheepdog** The ideal that Deresiewicz offers is to use college not to get the best entry level position but to figure out who you are what you believe in what matters to you and how to live your very own unique extraordinary life. **Book Excellent sheepshead** Sure one could make the argument that there are bigger problems than the ennui of the privileged classes and the solution of taking four years to read the great works to figure out who you are is a solution that only the affluent can afford. **Book Excellent sheep** Witness the young woman I worked with who was forced her whole life to sacrifice her desires was relentlessly pressured into becoming a lawyer working eighty hours a week and hated her life so much that she jumped out of a window. **Book excellent sheep** The folks who go to fancy schools tend to end up running everything and when you've got a bunch of unfeeling robots with stunted

souls at the top who only care about the benjamins and little understanding and concern for the greater whole things tend to go a bit awry. **Book Excellent sheepskin** As far as the question of the solution being as elite as the problem is concerned Deresiewicz points out that the availability of college to the few is something wrong with our culture not with the dream. **Book excellent sheep** Along with that I'll take on the responsibility of questioning the system that is charged with shaping who our children become to make sure that our schools are prioritizing the cultivation of good happy people and not simply creating competent money earners. **Book excellent sheep** One day I hope that my client Dennis will quit his job and find his voice and take on meaningful work that he loves and forge a relationship with a partner he respects and discover happiness in who he is. **Excellent Sheep kindle reader** Even some kids in the small nonselective school where I teach have themselves tied up in knots because they think they need straight As and 3 majors in order to be hireable. **Excellent Sheep ebook reader** They are missing out on the period of exploration growth and self-discovery that one needs to become a full adult and are afraid to take a course that might challenge them (they might not get an A) or pursue any outside interests. **Excellent sheepggg** 9781476702711 A while ago I was doing some research into the Teach for movement and that meant I had to read lots and lots (mostly journal articles and books) on how it got set up what it was aiming to do what it thought 'good teaching' meant those sorts of things. **Excellent Sheep pdfescape** In fact as this book points out a large part of the point of the Teach for movement is to put high achieving young people into the classrooms of the very poor and dispossessed so as to 'close the education gap' - which basically just means stuffing their students' heads with stuff that might just might get them into college. **Excellent sheep summary** One of the things that was made clear was that the Teach For movement essentially think that everything that happened in education up until the start of their movement itself was basically a mistake. **Book excellent sheep** Most education reformers are 'revolutionaries' in this sense - they generally have never had any connection with teaching anyone anything they have only ever been on the receiving end of the education process but they know - they really know - exactly what is wrong with the 100 million or so teachers in the world and they absolutely know how to 'fix' them. **Book excellent sheep** Similarly I've driven on bridges a lot in my life and so I guess I should be able to design a perfect bridge by now - how hard can it be? For Teach for teaching is leadership. **Book excellent sheep** And so for the types of people who have just finished Uni and are looking for a 2 year 'giving back' experience that will also sharpen their Resume - well how could you go past Teach for? Some of the literature I read from within the Teach for movement referred to books that discussed leadership - so I figured I should read those too. **Excellent Sheep book** His criticism is that the elite students encouraged into TFA are brought there by the desire to be saviours and that maybe what the poor kids they are teaching need isn't saviours at all. **Excellent sheepkill** In fact TFA is teaching these young people to be 'leaders' and therefore 'the ruling class' - and maybe again that isn't really what they need to be taught but rather perhaps instead some humility and humanity might be more appropriate. **Book excellent sheep** A lot of this will tell you things that are fundamentally wrong with the elite colleges in the US and why even if you are from the ruling class sending your kids to such schools might not be the best idea for them. **Excellent sheep full book pdf** The bottom line being that such colleges - the Ivy League in the US for instance - are basically cookie cutters and while it is great that they produce young people who will go on to make lots and lots of money - maybe those young people may have been better off 'following their dreams'. **Excellent Sheep epubor** I studied philosophy and literature in my undergraduate degree hardly the most utilitarian of subjects I got a masters in teaching and never taught and now I've a doctorate in education and am not totally sure that that even means (although it has only been a couple of years so maybe the penny is about to drop and all will be revealed - I doubt it somehow). **Book excellent sheep** Except he also talks a lot about vocations - callings - what Aristotle referred to as Arete - something like the perfect thing that makes you what is the real you your very own personal excellence. **Excellent Sheep pdf editor** Don't get me wrong - I love going to the symphony orchestra and watching people play instruments like they have been born holding them in their hands all their lives - but I would never want to be one of those

people. **Book excellent sheep** And so the overly long chapter in the middle of this book (which as I was reading I kept thinking we must be closer to the end than I imagined) where the author does the whole 'you can be who you truly ought to be' left me much more cold than I think he might have expected it to. **Excellent sheep book** All the same the problems discussed here in relation to research universities the quality of teaching you receive in them the fact everyone you are studying with will want to become an economist or gain an MBA - oh god kill me now. **Excellent Sheep ebooks free** The individualisation of all problems tends to be my major problem with such books - but even so this book does pose some problems that we ought to be thinking about as we move further and further into a post-work world. **Excellent Sheep book** The author describes the horrible ordeal students go through in order to secure for themselves a place at the elite institutions of the Ivy League MIT and Stanford the hoops they must jump through the youth they never have the true learning that never takes place the whole pantomime we all had to endure. **Book excellent sheep** the 85% who don't play this game are not affected so we're only talking about the kids of the pushy parents who to some extent get what they deserve (the parents I mean) 2. **Book excellent sheep** the schools in question have thousands and thousands of spots so everybody ends up somewhere good and everybody can rationalise ex post how he ended up where he should have gone (Stanford had been my first choice but my dad refused to "pay for me to have fun in California" so I speak from experience) 3. **Kindle Excellent sheepshead** I'm pretty full of crap now at age 47 but when I was 19 I genuinely thought I was God's gift to any school that would be lucky enough for me to deign to apply to. **Book excellent sheep** Again from experience I can say that stuff is all about who's boss (clearly me not my mom I can do as I please with my body and will carry on doing so until she drops the subject) and it happens WAY before college appears on the horizon though it probably does happen to the same kids because they rebel against / defy the same pushy parents who later in life want to send them to the Ivy League / MIT / Stanford. **Book Excellent sheepshead** The relationship with the parents and the weight of the parents' expectations is the place to go looking for the problems he describes not the life the kids need to lead in order to ace the college application. **Excellent Sheep epub.pub** My sister aced GCA A-Level Math (the UK equivalent of AP Math) when she was 14 and her primary motivation was to prove the point that she was as good as her older brothers; it had nothing to do with her college application 4 years later and it did not cause her any grief whatsoever. **Book Excellent sheepshead** " He describes my personal motivations of 25 years ago fully and makes a point I had never realised about myself until I read the book (as well as another important point that I had already figured out). **Excellent sheep essay** I aced it of course and without even examining the syllabus I selected Math 25 by far the least appropriate class for me (hello Peano axioms delta epsilon proofs sundry modes of convergence) but the one advertised as hellish in the "Confidential Guide. **Excellent sheep book** " My first day there this kid walked up to the teacher at the beginning of class and said "I actually placed into Math 22 but I was told that with your permission I could still take Math 25. **Book excellent sheep** " There is no moral about hubris and fall to this story; the kid was absolutely right his name is Chris Woodward he's a natural and he was a tenured Math professor at Rutgers within 10 years of this incident. **EPub Excellent sheepskin** "Excellent sheep" are the "the best and the brightest" and "the world is their oyster" and they attach maximum importance to keeping things that way I decided "Applied Mathematics" would look best. **Book excellent sheep** The three parts of the book are not separate and the main idea is planted as early as page 119 (of 242) where the author gives his working definition of what it means for a society to be civilized: it's a society where it's a legitimate option to be poor. **Book excellent sheep** The full text reads as follows: "We're still a very wealthy country by any reasonable standard which means that you've been presented with a rare and remarkable chance one that's far more precious than the opportunity to be rich: the opportunity not to be. **Book Excellent sheepish** The author fears that we are in the midst of a massive move in the opposite direction heading quickly toward a dystopia where we will be governed by an aristocracy formed at Harvard Yale and Princeton. **Book excellent sheep** While as recently as 1985 "only" 46% of the students at the 250 most selective universities came from the top quarter of the income distribution

by 2006 we were looking at 67% and the main reason is not that college has been getting progressively more expensive (it has of course) but that it the cost of rearing “excellent sheep” the tutors music lessons private school tuition fake activities Stanley Kaplan etc. **Excellent Sheep kindle direct** “When Yale offers free fellowships to study in China or subsidizes a trip to New York to catch a Broadway show it bills those luxuries as instruction in how to be broad-minded and cultured. **Book excellent sheep** Here’s a quote: “If Romney seems like an out-of-touch elite consider the two Democratic nominees who preceded our current president Al Gore and John Kerry: one each from Harvard and Yale both earnest decent intelligent men both utterly unable to communicate with the larger electorate. **Book excellent sheep** In fact consider our current president - a graduate of Honolulu’s prestigious Punahou School as well as of Columbia and Harvard Law - who despite his race his oratorical skills and his years as a community organizer is equally incapable of making an emotional connection with the people he calls “folks. **Book excellent sheep**”” The point is made that both Bushes Dukakis Clinton Gore Kerry Obama and Romney all attended Harvard or Yale leading to the main thesis that we have abdicated government to mandarins who know how to gather credentials but know zero about the real world because they have only ever operated outside it in the bubble defined by our only nominally meritocratic system. **EBook Excellent sheepshead** Speaking about Obama again Deresciewicz homes in for the main message of this book: “He also couldn’t understand why people might object to some of his appointments -figures like Timothy Geithner or Larry Summers both of whom were central to creating the conditions that led to the financial crisis. **Excellent Sheep kindle unlimited** It’s as if he can’t believe that anybody might reject those commonsense solutions once he has explained them carefully enough -as if he has no conception of competing values interests or perspectives no idea that society is more than just equations. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** ”(Even harsher criticism is -justly in my view— reserved for Bill Clinton the ultimate dog that caught the car) He does not want to finish the book on a bad note quoting E. **Book excellent sheep** Digby Baltzell who once wrote “History is a graveyard of classes which have preferred caste privilege to leadership” and proposes that the way out of our predicament is to invest heavily in our state school system thereby ensuring that “privilege cannot be handed down. **Book excellent sheep**” The argument is left incomplete I actually think the author is merely observing the manifestation of our current political impasse in the space called “Education” rather than examining the root cause of today’s ills. **Excellent sheep pdf download** But there can be no doubt that one of the reasons America is great is it twice in its history got ahead of all other nations in terms of imposing good free education and it would be a fantastic idea if we had a third go now. **Excellent sheep book** If you go pursuing some kind of vocational education you will be throwing out the window your one chance to explore the accumulated knowledge of all previous generations which is distilled in the “good books” and in literature in particular. **Excellent sheeppate** You’ll find out that not only will you land that coveted Goldman job / law school spot / med school spot regardless you will actually perform better than your peers because your four year search for your soul will have equipped you better. **Excellent Sheep epub reader** Don’t go pursuing this liberal arts education at some place that could not give a damn about teaching go to a proper liberal arts college that will offer you attention seminars the appropriate size of class and other students might not be of the same calibre of your potential Harvard classmates but they won’t be robots they will think like you do. **Excellent sheeppate colfax** The teachers will be just as good as they are at Harvard because there’s a massive glut of amazingly well-educated PhDs out there and the small liberal arts college will actually force them to teach. **Excellent sheep essay** Their peers at Harvard will actually be on the “publish or perish” treadmill and will have zero incentive to meet you assuming you overcome the competition of the other fivehundred of your classmates in the lecture hall and manage to get to them somehow. **Book excellent sheep** And one day he woke up took the train to Salem (because he’d left it till the last minute to apply) sat the MCAT cold aced it and a few months later matriculated at Columbia Med. **Book excellent sheep** HOW ABOUT THAT??? If you are the type who can ace the MCAT cold you probably aced the SAT too you might be sitting on a Harvard admission and if you’re considering

grad school you've got to tick that "I accept" box beg borrow or steal the tuition and go to Harvard. **Book Excellent sheepskin** And that is because a good 70% of the US Math Olympic team my year (and presumably the ones above and below) matriculated in my class with the remaining 30% spread across America. **Excellent sheepgate colfax** Unless I knew which exact field of Math I was looking to study and that the best faculty for that field was at a particular other college I'd need some serious convincing to go study Math somewhere else. **Book excellent sheep** Bottom line if you are a genius you would do yourself a disservice to forego the opportunity to hang out with your true peers for the sake of going to pursue some liberal arts discovery wild goose hunt. **Book excellent sheep** William Deresiewicz is an award winning essayist and critic a frequent college speaker and the best selling author of *Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite and the Way to a Meaningful Life*. **Excellent sheep full book pdf** William Deresiewicz is an award winning essayist and critic a frequent college speaker and the best selling author of *Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite and the Way to a Meaningful Life*. 9781476702711 Full disclosure: I am going to like any book that claims that the way to a better society is for more people to become English majors, **Book Excellent sheep** I did in fact find myself agreeing with most of Deresiewicz's critiques of elitism in higher education: **Excellent sheepkin caoraa** Perhaps I should rather say that it is the parents who push their kids into a needless stress as they gather the credentials to make themselves competitive. **Book excellent sheep** "Excellent Sheep" don't only join Goldman Sachs or McKinsey consulting because it's the toughest option for those who don't go to Law School or Med School. **Book excellent sheep** The true appeal is that these choices don't shut any doors: **Book Excellent sheep** You could leave Goldman or McKinsey and go run the Ford Motor Company or the US Treasury or go teach yoga and that's what it's all about, **Book excellent sheep** I must confess that here the author has me TOTALLY FIGURED OUT and I never even knew it. **Book excellent sheep** I left it till two weeks before graduation to decide if my degree would say "Applied Mathematics" or "Engineering Sciences" or "Economics" on it, **Book excellent sheep** "As the book so brilliantly puts it "We're not teaching to the test; we're living to it. **Book excellent sheep** " A kid who gets into Harvard Yale Princeton or Stamford earns his parents an A in child-rearing, **Excellent Sheep ebook** You had teachers to charm and were surrounded by competitive peers, **Book excellent sheep** Getting accepted into the Ivy League meant the ultimate validation, **Book excellent sheep** Aside from this high pressure hoop-jumping mentality the author has another beef: how cynical Western education has become: **Book Excellent sheepshead** Anyone who actually takes these questions seriously is considered a joke. **Book Excellent sheep's** In high school I was like Luna Lovegood socially clueless and professing beliefs in things all my peers knew were ridiculous namely Marxism and astrology. **Excellent Sheep ebooks free** Yet I was sorted into Ravenclaw/the gifted track so I was academically inclined. **Excellent sheepgate car** As the author would put it I was a fool with a high IQ, **Book Excellent sheepdog** I was rejected from Vassar so I chose state university instead a so-called "public ivy. **Excellent Sheep booking** " I knew from the first week that it was a terrible fit but when I called home crying my mother told me to stick it out: **Excellent Sheep book** When I failed out two and a half years later I was a spaced-out pothead having a nervous breakdown with religious overtones eerily similar to Franny of Franny and Zooey, **Excellent sheep mobi** Perhaps like the article that gave birth to this book it may even go viral: **Book excellent sheep** I can't be the only person whose college dream turned into a nightmare, **Book excellent sheep** It's no exaggeration to say that I've carried around the weight of my college failure for my entire life. **Book excellent sheep** Deresiewicz argues is really about building your soul but as he says in another brilliant line: "It's hard to build your soul when everyone around you is selling theirs, **EPub Excellent sheepadoodle** Most secularists consider religion the ultimate "sheepiness" but Prof, **Book Excellent sheepish** Deresiewicz observes that his religious students are often better adjusted than all the other excellent sheep who've been made neurotic by over-testing and competition, **Book excellent sheep** So perhaps I who failed out of college in spiritual crisis might have done things right after all: **Book excellent sheep** In trying to live by the highest ideals Dorothea chooses Casaubon. **Excellent sheep book** It's a tragic mistake and she pays dearly



for it but when she gets her second chance she doesn't sell out: **Book excellent sheep** She still chooses idealism over materialism and because she's older and wiser her choice gives her a happily ever after: **Book Excellent sheepskin** We have to live according to our ideals fall flat on our faces and rise back up again. **Book Excellent sheep** Students who take time off in the middle of college he says are usually more mature more dedicated to their studies and more willing to ignore all the social B: **Book Excellent sheepshead** But even though so much of this book rang true to my experience I didn't agree with everything the author had to say: **Book Excellent sheepshead** His biggest inconsistency was ragging on Teach for America as a form of academic slumming, **Book excellent sheep** A more minor point I disagree with is his disparagement of "technocrats" as though there's something wrong with problem-solving: **Book excellent sheep** He says that a focus on problem-solving is treating the world as though it were a giant math test. **Excellent Sheep book** Finally there's the issue of "return on investment" in college education, **Book Excellent sheepdog** He understands that people think about this more and more as the cost of higher ed rises, **Book excellent sheep** He quoted one of his students who in planning her schedule chose a career-oriented course "for my parents" and a humanities course "for me: **Book excellent sheep** argues that since college is all about you becoming you all your courses should be about you, **Book Excellent sheepshead** " Heck if it comes to that major for money and minor for love. **Excellent Sheep epub reader** People have to be practical says the Bachelor in Philosophy who earns her living as a secretary: **Book Excellent sheepish** It remains my favorite activity which is why I'm so active here on Goodreads: **Excellent Sheep ebooks free** But as much as I wish someone would pay me to write what I think nobody does: **Book Excellent sheepshead** Reading writing and reflecting have enriched my life in all the ways a college education is supposed to. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** But a little less idealism and a lot more practicality would have done me good: **Excellent sheep book** Naturally I jumped on Deresiewicz's essay in The American Scholar: The Disadvantages of an Elite Education. **Excellent sheep william deresiewicz** It seemed to put into words so many things I'd been thinking. **Excellent sheepgg** While barely more than 200 pages it attempts to be a manifesto an exposé a path to tranquility a work of cultural criticism and a philosophy of education, **Excellent sheep full book pdf** Needless to say the book fails to be every one of these things but this doesn't mean it fails to be any of them. **Excellent Sheep ebook** Deresiewicz's first section wherein he talks about the flaws in the system is the most successful since it is what he knows about, **Excellent Sheep kindle paperwhite** In a nutshell the problem with American higher education is that there is an enormous amount of pressure and prestige for precious little substance. **Excellent Sheep book** Young people have more hoops than ever to jump through: if they want to go to Harvard they must be super students. **Book Excellent sheepdog** (This is not to mention the writing assistance sometimes bordering on ghost-writing that the wealthy can afford, **Excellent Sheep book** ) The ironic part is that all of this stress and effort does not lead to social mobility since the wealthy already start with such a big advantage. **Book excellent sheep** Each cohort of students at elite universities is disproportionately upper or upper-middle class: **Book Excellent sheepskin** This is no coincidence since universities need a sizable number of "full-freighters"—students whose parents can afford to pay the enormous tuition costs—in order to stay afloat: **Excellent sheepgg** Even more ironic is that it doesn't even lead to an excellent education. **Book Excellent sheepish** As the university becomes increasingly reliant on wealthy students the students increasingly get treated like customers, **Book excellent sheep** The university cannot afford to fail them; it cannot even afford to make them uncomfortable which is arguably a prerequisite to genuine learning. **Excellent sheep audiobook** Universities focus on hiring a few research professors because these professors bring more prestige, **Book excellent sheep** Though experts these professors are often not especially good teachers; and besides there aren't very many of them. **Book excellent sheep** The bulk of the teaching gets done by contingent faculty chronically underpaid always underappreciated who come and go without the time or resources to teach to their potential, **Book excellent sheep** The problem is that the ranking is not based on quality of instruction but on things like admission rates: the more selective the better: **Book Excellent**

**sheephead** It benefits elite colleges to advertise to students who have a very low chance of getting in since if they apply and get rejected the school looks better, **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** The result is a system obsessed with prestige at the expense of learning. **Excellent Sheep epub reader** From the moment students arrive to their final graduation speech students are praised for being the best the brightest the most wonderful. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** So what should an education do? This brings us to part two and three of Deresiewicz's book which I thought were much weaker: **Kindle Excellent sheepish** To be fair these are clichés for a reason: in some form or another they are the goal of a true education: **Book Excellent sheepish** Nevertheless I didn't find Deresiewicz's prescriptions particularly insightful or inspiring. **Book excellent sheep** The book ends with a widespread sweeping universal condemnation of the entire upper and upper-middle class. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** Their time has passed he thinks and they must be removed from the stage of history just as the old aristocratic WASP class had before them, **Book excellent sheep** What are we to make of all this? It's clear that the book bites off far more than it can chew. **Book Excellent sheep's** Ambition is certainly not a problem; but when ambition so far outpaces execution it certainly is, **Book Excellent sheephead** By his own admission Deresiewicz—the offspring of upper-middle class Jewish parents a former professor at Yale—is bitter about his experience in elite education and it shows. **Excellent sheephead fishing rigs** For many years it seems he was dissatisfied and unfulfilled consumed by feelings of envy and empty accomplishment which accounts for both the self-help and the invective. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** While at his best he is sardonic and witty at his worst he is alternately whiney and preachy, **Book excellent sheep** His torrents of feeling often blow his vessel into strange waters—like the psychology of achievement addiction or the dysfunction of government—where he thrashes about ineffectually, **Excellent sheep full book pdf** He has a tendency to write in epigram after epigram—none very clever—pounding and hammering his opinions into your head while supplying few particulars and little evidence, **Excellent Sheep epub** He rarely qualifies his points he does not address counterarguments he does not betray even the least doubt of his righteousness and the system's evilness. **Book excellent sheep** ) If I were his writing teacher I would tell him it needs more work. **Excellent sheepgate colfax** This book could really have been a long essay focusing exclusively on the flaws of elite universities, **Book excellent sheep** The rest feels like self-indulgence and padding an excuse to air his views and sell a book. **Book excellent sheep** But for all his shortcomings I think that Deresiewicz is making a vital point: **Book excellent sheep** All of his complaints boil down to one insight: meritocracy is insidious. **Book excellent sheep** Now how can this be? Isn't meritocracy good? Isn't it the only fair and just system? Well there are several obvious problems, **Excellent Sheep kindle direct** For one what is 'merit'? Any meritocracy must begin with some notion of worth; and this notion will always be shaped by cultural and economic pressures, **Book excellent sheep** But even if we could agree on a universal measure of 'merit' (which is impossible) there would be no guarantee that we could measure it perfectly: **Kindle Excellent sheephead** And even if we could agree on a standard and measure it perfectly—two impossible conditions—we are still left with the question of reward: **Book Excellent sheep** If somebody is in the top fifth percentile how much wealth do they 'deserve'? This will also be arbitrary and whatever decision will likely not satisfy everyone. **Excellent Sheep kindle app** So you see first a meritocracy imposes an arbitrary standard and then denies the existence of luck and then distributes rewards along this standard arbitrarily: **Excellent sheep summary** The most insidious part is that it makes people believe they deserve their rewards: the rich deserve their wealth the poor their poverty: **Book excellent sheep** However I am far from sure that I know how to fix it, **EBook Excellent sheepdog** For his part Deresiewicz puts his faith in the old tradition of the liberal arts education. **Book Excellent sheep's** The first tradition teaches us how to live while the second teaches us how to work. **Excellent sheep full book pdf** The problem it seems to me is that in the United States we have come to identify so fully with our jobs that we can't see the questions as separate: **Book Excellent sheep** Deresiewicz definitely falls into this error which he exemplifies by his endorsement of the "follow your passion" advice for a better life: **Excellent sheep deresiewicz** As I finish I am left with more questions than

when I started, **Book Excellent sheepskin** And as cliché as that sounds that is still the sign of a good book: **Excellent sheeppate auto** 9781476702711 Absolutely one of the best books I've ever read about higher education but so much more than just that. **Book Excellent sheep's** This is a dangerous little book it really exposes some dirty secrets of the hidden American class/caste system, **Book Excellent sheepdog** This is something you almost never see talked or written about an expose of how the game is and always has been rigged to perpetuate wealth American dream be damned. **Excellent Sheep book** Most of them don't care about students or learning at all crazy to say but anybody who has worked there and still has their soul can confirm what I say, **Book Excellent sheepish** This book is important too because it savages what passes for leadership in this country and how it has derailed our country, **Excellent Sheep book** Yes the rot flows from the very top in all areas be it politics sports medicine education business religion media you name it: **Book excellent sheep** We've been sold a false bill of goods the good character of Americans has been attacked and destroyed and replaced by these self-serving conformist technocratic clones, **Excellent sheeppate** Our leaders do NOT deserve our respect or cooperation anymore: **Book excellent sheep** You can skip the middle :Why we need to read why humanities matter and why having a soul matters and no our college system doesn't help you do that very much: **Excellent sheep summary** Deresiewicz is a better at articulating the problems than identifying solutions, **Book excellent sheep** That said it is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers, **Book excellent sheep** 5 starsIn his book Excellent Sheep William Deresiewicz shows what the elite schools of the United States lack: the ability to produce free-thinking students and independent minds, **Book excellent sheep** He provides insight from his own experience as a student and graduate instructor at Columbia as well as from his years teaching English at Yale. **Excellent sheep pdf** The best part of Excellent Sheep stems from Deresiewicz's willingness to provide answers: he gives tangible and specific methods to improve the education system we reside within: **Book Excellent sheep** An example of a solution:Instead of service how about service work? That'll really give you insight into other people, **Excellent Sheep ebooks free** There are smart people who do not go to a prestigious college or to any college and often precisely for reasons of class: **Book excellent sheep** You've heard that there are different forms of intelligence? Now go and find it out through actual experience: **Excellent Sheep pdfescape** He makes sure to drive in just how bad the current education system has gotten while still tempering his criticisms with plausible solutions: **Book excellent sheep** He connects his commentary to the mental health of students to parenting success and failures and his own personal experiences, **Book excellent sheep** A paragraph I enjoyed about the purpose of education:We have always seen our nation as a work in progress, **Excellent sheep full book pdf** If you are going to be the leader that your education is supposedly preparing you to become then you need to question the very terms of that education itself, **Book excellent sheep** Instead of worrying so much about building your resume you need to start working on building your mind. **PDF Excellent sheep** Search for students who excel beyond baseline measurements of GPA SAT score and quantity of extra-curricular activities, **Excellent Sheep book** Within college allocate more attention to undergraduate teaching and engagement as opposed to research: **Excellent Sheep kindle** Encourage students to delve into the humanities subjects that require asking the big questions, **Excellent sheeppate colfax** Make college about creating oneself - one's values one's way of thinking one's worldview, **Book Excellent sheepish** Overall a splendid work of nonfiction I would recommend to anyone associated with the education system at all: students teachers parents professors administrators and more, **Book Excellent sheepdog** thinking for themselves) and we should strive to get these changes made soon. **Book excellent sheep** 9781476702711 As a professor at Yale Bill Deresiewicz saw something that troubled him deeply, **Excellent sheep full book pdf** His students some of the nation's brightest minds were adrift when it came to the big questions: how to think critically and creatively and how to find a sense of purpose: **Book excellent sheep** As schools shift focus from the humanities to practical subjects like economics and computer science students are losing the ability to think in innovative ways, **Book excellent sheep** Deresiewicz explains how college should be a time for self-discovery when students can establish

their own values and measures of success so they can forge their own path: **PDF Excellent sheepadoodle** I might come at this with a lot of bias and I do disagree with many of his points but I absolutely love this book nonetheless, **Book Excellent sheepish** I was scrambling to highlight every other page as I read this on my Kindle. **EPub Excellent sheepadoodle** I grew up in the Bay Area specifically in Cupertino where 80% of the students at my high school were Asian and everyone had their eyes set on the Ivies: **Excellent sheep book** While we're at it win a few science fairs and math competitions win an art competition and spend a few weeks of vacation performing service in a foreign country. **EPub Excellent sheepskin** I fell into the same trap despite how hard I tried to escape it. **Book excellent sheep** I filled my time with so many extracurriculars because I was scared of boredom and being stuck in my own mind. **Book excellent sheep** I took as many classes and tests as I could because I was genuinely curious about learning but no one ever taught me how to learn. **Book excellent sheep** High school then college was about the accumulation of information. **Book excellent sheep** Math physics history in high school then cultural capital in college as I shopped around for classes to take that would allow me to converse with my prep school peers, **Excellent Sheep ebook** In my time at Harvard I've often voiced my frustration to peers about how everyone is going into one of finance consulting medicine or tech, **Book excellent sheep** And if not those then delaying one of those options for a year to pursue a fully-funded fellowship or travel opportunity. **Book Excellent sheep** Deresiewicz sums it up well: Elite students are told that they can be whatever they want but most of them end up choosing to be one of a few very similar things. **Book excellent sheep** In chapter two as Deresiewicz delves into the history of the elite education system in America I was suddenly struck by how thoughtfully the Harvard computer science system is designed. **Kindle Excellent sheepadoodle** The value of attending a school like Harvard is that it encourages students to get a liberal arts education. **Book excellent sheep** I've always understood getting an education to be the accumulation of knowledge: **Book excellent sheep** For many of my peers who mostly study scientific fields here's one of the best quotes I have found regarding the value of a humanities education, **Excellent sheepgg minecraft** who despite his race his oratorical skills and his years as a community organizer is equally incapable of making an emotional connection with the people he calls 'folks': **Book Excellent sheepish** He's a good looking 33-year-old guy nattily dressed in his bespoke suit but his face and body sags, **Book Excellent sheepdog** He sits down and says "I've done nothing to improve my lot this week. **Excellent sheep summary** "Dennis makes a lot of money working for a venture capital firm but he hates his job, **Excellent sheepgg** He's got a boss who seems to know how to invest in the right company but doesn't know a thing about human beings: **Book Excellent sheepskin** Dennis has been too afraid to quit and has no idea what he'd want to do if he did get out of his current position: **Book Excellent sheep's** "I've never had a passion" he tells me with sadness in his voice: **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** Educated in expensive private schools this was the track Dennis thought he was supposed to follow: **Excellent Sheep epub** He tells himself that he will focus on what he wants to do with the rest of his life on the weekends but instead he binge drinks: **Book excellent sheep** He has random hook ups with women he quickly grows bored of, **Book excellent sheep** He thought he'd be on his way to have a family by now and is perplexed about why that isn't happening. **Kindle Excellent sheep's** I get home late that night myself at 9:30 pm to find my daughter who is in sixth grade at an elite school in Westchester New York still doing her homework: **Book Excellent sheepdog** She has an incredibly good attitude about this considering she has been working for three hours. **Book excellent sheep** I tell her she's done enough and it is time to get some rest, **Book Excellent sheepdog** I hold a deep ethic about discipline and the value of hard work: **Kindle Excellent sheep** I've got lots of people in my New York psychotherapy practice like Dennis, **Book excellent sheep** I'm certain that the people who run my children's school and educators in general want the best outcomes for the kids and think hard how to achieve these aims. **Book excellent sheep** When he describes the kinds of people our top educational system creates he is talking precisely about guys like Dennis: **PDF Excellent sheepdog** "Look beneath the façade of seamless well-adjustment and what you often find are toxic levels of fear anxiety and depression of emptiness

and aimlessness and isolation: **Book Excellent sheepskin** "What Wall Street has figured out" as Ezra Klein has put it "is that colleges are producing a large number of very smart completely confused graduates, **Book excellent sheep** Kids who have ample mental horsepower an incredible work ethic and no idea what to do next: **Book excellent sheep** That is at least as far as the bottom 99% is concerned. **Excellent sheepkiller/kafka-manager** Then there is a good chance that the highest achievers become the masters of the universe. **Excellent sheepkinta** It is no mystery that the financial crisis was caused in no small measure by the amoral machinations of the financiers at the top. **Kindle Excellent sheep** Deresiewicz's solution is a good one but it does seem quaint in our technocratic age: humanism, **Book Excellent sheepdog** He believes that the best college education is a liberal arts one: **Excellent sheepgg** The humanistic purpose and method of education is the realization of what is best in the individual through a deep penetration of the greatest works that culture has wrought, **Book Excellent sheepish** Deresiewicz's solution would seem so radically passé is a measure of how far we have fallen away from the humanistic ideals that gave birth to our American civilization, **Excellent sheep summary** Deresiewicz is a passionate writer and his strong point of view makes his book especially engaging, **EPub Excellent sheepskin** Of course it is always fun to read a good argument made for a point one agrees with: **Book Excellent sheep's** Deresiewicz's book is a wonderful encouraging inspiring rant directed at the young seeker who is about to embark on a higher education: **EPub Excellent sheepadoodle** This is a book that I will give to my children to read at the right moment, **Kindle Excellent sheepadoodle** What our society needs more of is that group of young idealists to let us know how we have mucked the whole thing up and who demand a better answer: **Kindle Excellent sheep** And the best we oldsters can do is give them the means and encouragement to do that, **Excellent sheep mobi** As far as the former is concerned all too often though the material needs of well-off children are met their emotional suffering knows no class distinction. **Excellent sheepgate car** Witness income inequality for example or the machinations of folks like the Koch brothers who want to make sure that climate change plunges the planet into destruction, **Book Excellent sheepdog** Everyone should be given a chance to go to college and learn how to be a meaningful contributor to society by being their best selves, **Excellent sheep txt** Given the state of our politics realizing this ideal of a universal liberal arts higher education may all seem a little too way out of reach: **Book Excellent sheepshead** Maybe the forces that want to maintain the status quo are too powerful to be changed. **Excellent sheep pdf** But my guiding principle as a psychotherapist naive though it may be is to do what I can as an individual to buck the tide, **Excellent Sheep ebooks online** For me I do my little bit to change the world by helping one person at a time become true to themselves, **Book excellent sheep** As far as changing things is concerned I'll start with my own kids: **Book excellent sheep** I'll do everything I can though it may make life in my house a little noisier to teach my kids how to think for themselves and to do so effectively, **Book Excellent sheep's** I'll support them in developing their power to articulate their viewpoints. **Excellent Sheep booklet** And I'll encourage them to feel so they can be passionate in pursuing the good and the true as they have come to understand it, **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** My goal is to give them the means to figure out well how they want to live their own lives and give them my blessing in pursuing it, **Excellent sheepgg** And I'll recommend this book to any kid who is about to enter the arena of life and wants some guidance for this great journey. **Excellent Sheep ebookee** And for all you parents out there? Wanna know what you can do? Start by reading this book too: **Book Excellent sheepshead** As long as I have compatriots out there like Deresiewicz I'll never stop fighting to make this possible for him but can't say why it is worth getting there. **Book Excellent sheep's** As a professor and a mother of a child going through the college-application process right now I wish this could all stop. **Book excellent sheep** It is so hard to step out of the crazy-making when that is the cultural norm. **Book excellent sheep** Deresiewicz gets a little ranty near the end of this book and it is written in unremarkable prose hence the 3 stars. **Book Excellent sheep's** However I recommend this book for anyone who is questioning the rat race our kids participate in from pre-school to grad school. **Book Excellent sheepadoodle** And I agree that more English majors would make the world a better place -- or at

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