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Karen Kelsky has made it her mission to help readers join the select few who get the most out of their Ph.D. As a former tenured professor and department head who oversaw numerous academic job searches, she knows from experience exactly what gets an academic applicant a job. And as the creator of the popular and widely respected advice site The Professor is In, she has helped countless Ph.D.'s turn themselves into stronger applicants and land their dream careers.

Now, for the first time ever, Karen has poured all her best advice into a single handy guide that addresses the most important issues facing any Ph.D., including:

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- Writing a foolproof grant application
- Cultivating references and crafting the perfect CV
- Acing the job talk and campus interview
- Avoiding the adjunct trap
- Making the leap to nonacademic work, when the time is right

*The Professor Is In* addresses all of these issues, and many more.

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