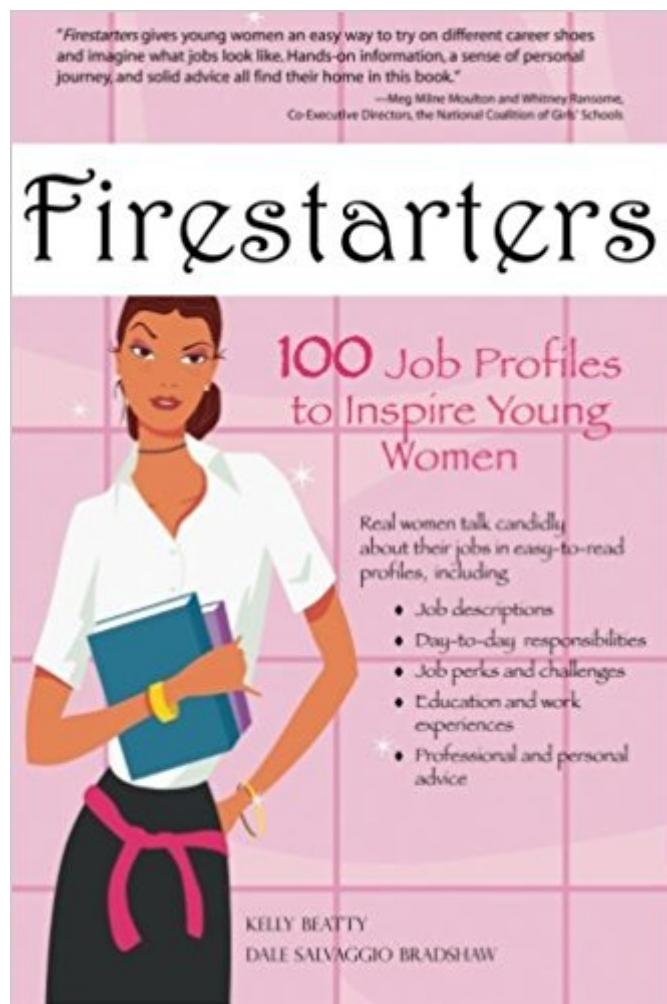


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# Firestarters: 100 Job Profiles To Inspire Young Women



## **Synopsis**

Firestarters is a helpful and inspiring book for teenage girls that describes interesting professions and fascinating new careers in an informative and positive format. The authors have interviewed 100 real, strong women with exciting and sometimes nontraditional jobs, such as photographers, opera singers, marine biologists, government officials, medical professionals, engineers, business executives, costume designers, attorneys, scientists, chefs, authors, and many, many more. The women profiled in the book were very generous with their time -- detailing what it is they really do each day; what they like and what challenges them about their jobs; what are their educational and work backgrounds and, most importantly, what advice would they give to someone like you who is searching to find a career that is fulfilling.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A very inspirational book. It taught me about jobs that I had no idea existed and gave me more options. -- Ali H., age 14  
Absorbing; Belongs on the bookshelves of high school, public, and college libraries and in university career centers. Highly recommended. -- Library Journal (starred review)  
Firestarters is sure to pique the interest of girls and young women in careers they may not have previously considered. -- Heidi Holmer, Librarian, Girls Incorporated®  
Firestarters presents a "down-to-earth" view of the many career options that young women have to choose from. -- Ashley Reed, Licensed Social Worker  
Hands-on information, a sense of personal journey, and solid advice gained from lessons learned find their home in this book. -- Meg Milne Moulton and Whitney Ransome, Co-Executive Directors, the National Coalition of Girls' Schools  
I found the stories to be

interesting, realistic, and diverse. -- Caroline Stange, Director of Career Services, Polly Fox Academy/YWCA, Toledo, OHThe interviews provide a realistic, hands-on feel for what being a career woman is all about! -- Fawn B., age 17This book will spark interest and curiosity that will give girls the confidence needed to set educational career goals. -- Pam Mancilla-Santos, Career Services Advisor, Texas School of Business&#x97;a Kaplan Higher Education CorporationThis engaging and candidly written resource can ignite the fires of interest in unique, compelling careers with honest, interesting descriptions. -- Kathi Viola, Director of Membership and Marketing, Girl Scout Council of Bergen County, Paramus, NJ --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kelly E.B. Beatty received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1992. She is currently working on a second major in Interior Design from Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina. She worked for various advertising agencies as a broadcast producer for 11 years. She is a student member of the American Society of Interior Designers and Kappa Omicron Nu honor society. Dale Salvaggio Bradshaw received a Speech Communication degree and Business Administration minor from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and worked in marketing for various companies for six years. After deciding to stay home with her young children, Dale was able to keep her marketing skills sharp by freelancing, writing children's stories and co-authoring *Firestarters*. She currently splits her time between marketing for a regional medical services company and the duties of motherhood. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Much like I was when I was in high school, my daughter is unsure 'what she wants to be when she grows up'. This book is a great tool to open her mind to some of the many options there are for women today. Each profile is just a couple pages long and is broken down into sections-so it is easy to browse, even for a non-reader.

I saw this book in the library (by chance) and took it out. It's a great book for a junior/senior high-schooler. I like that it doesn't focus on money, no annual salaries are quoted. Instead it lets real women tell about their careers, what they like and dislike about them.Highly recommended. I'm giving it for Christmas to my niece who goes to college next year without a clue about what she wants to do. This should show there's a whole world to choose from.

Kind of boring, not very explanatory. Does not discuss education required or salary.

I wouldn't call this book inspiring (as the cover does) simply because the profiles are too short to inspire more than a quick read. The profiles are only 1-1.5 pages per person/career and no career is listed twice. The profiles are drawn from almost every career you can imagine. The book is set up in a rather bizarre way; the profiles are listed in order of the women's first name, so you have Amy ... then Angela... etc. That means the profiles are not in 'clusters' by job area - they are random. The profiles, though short, are helpful in the sense that you get a quick overview of a job and whether you might fit well into it. The women each answer what a typical day is like, their education and training, job challenges, likes/dislikes about their job, and offer advice. The most helpful part of the profiles, to me, were the steps each women took to get her current position. That one detail offers a possible career ladder you can take. A cool book for teens, but not a replacement for real career books and guidance (ie Occupational Outlook Handbook).

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Bradshaw is a great book to share with readers in a mother-daughter book club. My daughter who is in 11th grade read it at the same time I did, and we found lots to talk about regarding potential careers to match her interests. The women profiled in Firestarters have dynamic jobs, and many have changed direction sometime during the course of their careers. They give candid assessments about what a day on the job is like, and they also talk about challenges they face. If your book club takes it on as a selection, each girl could choose three or four of the jobs profiled and talk about what interests her about the work. The book would also be a great entree for moms to talk about their career pathways. I've found that as we all try to get through a busy family schedule every day, parents often don't share details about the beginning of their careers or the process they went through in deciding what to do after high school graduation. Firestarters is very accessible too. Each profile is organized the same, making it easy to pick up and read one or two profiles at a time.

At last . . . a readable, engaging, and inspiring all-inclusive "bible" of career possibilities for girls! This book is well-written and includes a huge variety of types of professionals. It's also a great resource for women in their 30s, 40s, and 50s who may be itching to jump to a new career. The representatives of each type of work do not just gloss over technical details; they report their real-life ups and downs. The finishing touch is candid reporting by the authors on their own work lives and experiences. A must-have for daughters, nieces, and students.

Great book for my daughters to explore options for their future.

This book was listed as "Like new" and that is exactly what it was - just like new. Great price as well.

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