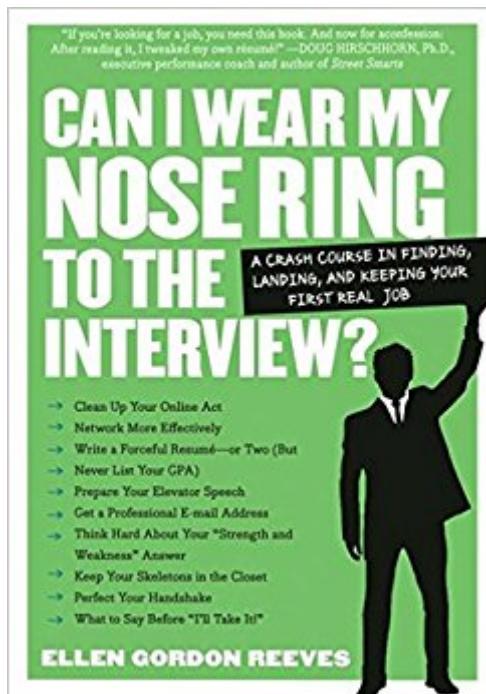


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# Can I Wear My Nose Ring To The Interview? A Crash Course In Finding, Landing, And Keeping Your First Real Job



## Synopsis

A witty, friendly, unexpected job hunter's bible that finally answers the real questions. Yes, if you're wedded to your nose ring, wear it to the interview. No, you shouldn't be e-mailing out hundreds of rÃƒÂ©sumÃƒÂ©s. Writing with enormous authority and a compelling, lively voice, Ellen Reeves brings together her lifetime of experience of hiring, counseling, and rÃƒÂ©sumÃƒÂ©-doctoring into an essential guide for young job seekers. *Can I Wear My Nose Ring to the Interview?* takes readers step-by-step through a process that was always tough, but is today especially challenging. Begin the search with a professional mind-set—get organized, and set yourself up with business cards, a respectable e-mail address, and a working cell phone. The importance of networking and the rule of three—try to make three e-mails or phone calls a day, but never more than that. The "elevator speech"—hone your pitch to the length of an elevator ride and be prepared to use it at the most unexpected times. The art of writing cringe-free cover letters and killer rÃƒÂ©sumÃƒÂ©s—from timelines, hooks, and grammatical do's and don'ts to why you should never use the phrase "References available upon request," never include your GPA, and never, ever make a typo. How to dress for an interview, including why to put on your business clothes when interviewing at home, over the phone. Things to be honest about: citizenship and past salary range. And things not to say: "I want this job because I need health insurance." Then once you're in, how to negotiate salary, what to expect in a review, and basic first job common sense: take initiative, be humble and helpful, never use your boss as a confidant, and always say "I'll find out" instead of "I don't know." Now you're on your way.

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"Ellen Reeves has entered the depths of young job-seekers' minds, answering the questions most are afraid to put into words. If people are smart enough to listen to her, I may have fewer bloopers to add to my collection from interviews-gone-bad!"Ã¢ " - Karen Danziger, Managing Partner, The Howard-Sloan-Koller Group --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There was a time when Dr. Seuss' book, "Oh the places you'll go!" was the quintessential graduation gift book. While Ellen Reeves' book does not rhyme, it does entertain AND is certainly more practical. Whether new graduates are looking for jobs or searching for their life's purpose, they will find clear and smart guidance in this book. Spoiler alert: it really has not just nothing to do with nose rings, but much wisdom on self-presentation.

This book is a refreshing alternative to the vast majority of job-seeker guides and perfectly caters to recent graduates (a group who is often neglected in other texts). It is very easy to read and holds your interest (I ended up reading the whole thing in one sitting). I bought the Kindle version and found myself constantly highlighting useful tips and reminders to refer to later. It is a really well

thought-out guide which has already made a difference to my level of motivation and organisation in my current job search. The only thing I would want to mention to people outside of the US is that some practices in it are quite specific to the American job market (i.e. sending thankyou notes after interviews). But other than this I was quite pleased with how well the tips in general can apply regardless of where you live. Highly recommended!

As a graduation present this was perfect. I had conversations with two different 20-somethings who were about to launch job searches. They have reported back that they have used various suggestions and information from the book. I was prompted to buy the book because one of the two literally thought there was no problem wearing her nose ring to an interview at a conservative government office job interview. She changed her mind about the nose ring, went to the interview without it. Good move. They offered her the job, but she declined deciding not to work in such a stuffy atmosphere. But the book at least put her on notice that such things can have an effect on how people view you.

I'm a college professor and teach a course that involves career exploration and helps equip students with job search and acquisition skills. This is a great text that supplements various in-class exercises such as cover letter and resume writing, job search techniques, practice interviewing skills, evaluating job offers, and how to deport oneself in a new job. It's a great platform from which to launch classroom discussion because it's written in a straightforward, humorous style. I highly recommend it as a quick and helpful read.

As an author, I read a lot, but often I don't find this much honesty in one book. I liked this book and its simplicity. I am happy to recommend it for those who need jobs.

I absolutely love this book!!! Very helpful and easy to read! This book has become a great reference for me when applying for jobs and interviews! It answers all the questions you have and even answers questions you wish you thought of!!

Tons of good career seeking advice.

The book is very helpful with giving advise to a newbie to the working world. It answers all the questions I could have.

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