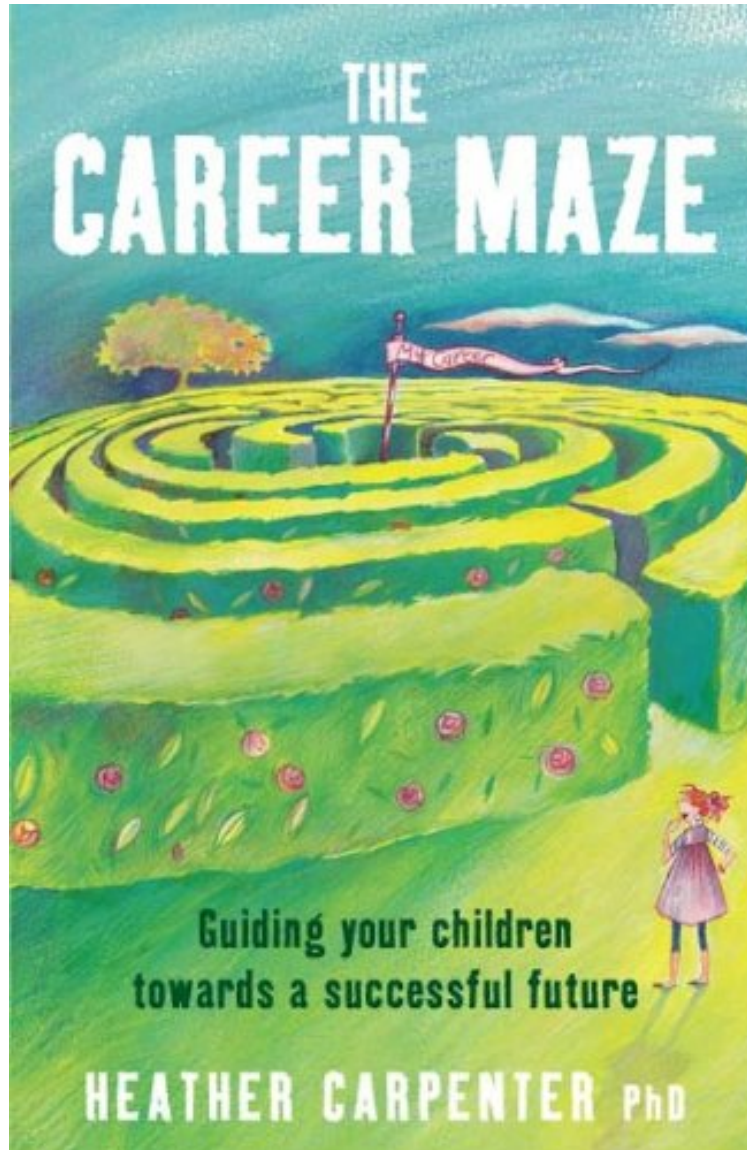


## The Career Maze

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**Heather Carpenter : The Career Maze** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Career Maze:

Isquo;He doesnrsquo;t have a clue ndash; I would just like him to have some direction . . .rsquo; Isquo;She has no idea what she wants to do yet. It bothers her ndash; she says all her friends seem to know . . .rsquo; Isquo;He changes his mind all the time ndash; hersquo;s really lost.rsquo; If you find yourself expressing concerns like these about your

child, you are far from alone. Every year thousands of young people become lost in the career maze and swamped in information overload. This results in career choices made for the wrong reasons, poor choices of training or study, and high rates of dropping out, failure and confusion at the time when young people should be inspired and motivated about the future. Young people need to develop the self-knowledge that guides them to the right career path. Research shows that it is parents, and not educators, who are the primary influence on children's career decisions and are best placed to give them help. This book is for the parents. In *The Career Maze* Heather Carpenter presents facts drawn from years of experience as a careers counsellor. She suggests simple conversational tools that will help parents foster self-knowledge, self-belief and confidence in their child — qualities that instil motivation and commitment at the time they are needed most.