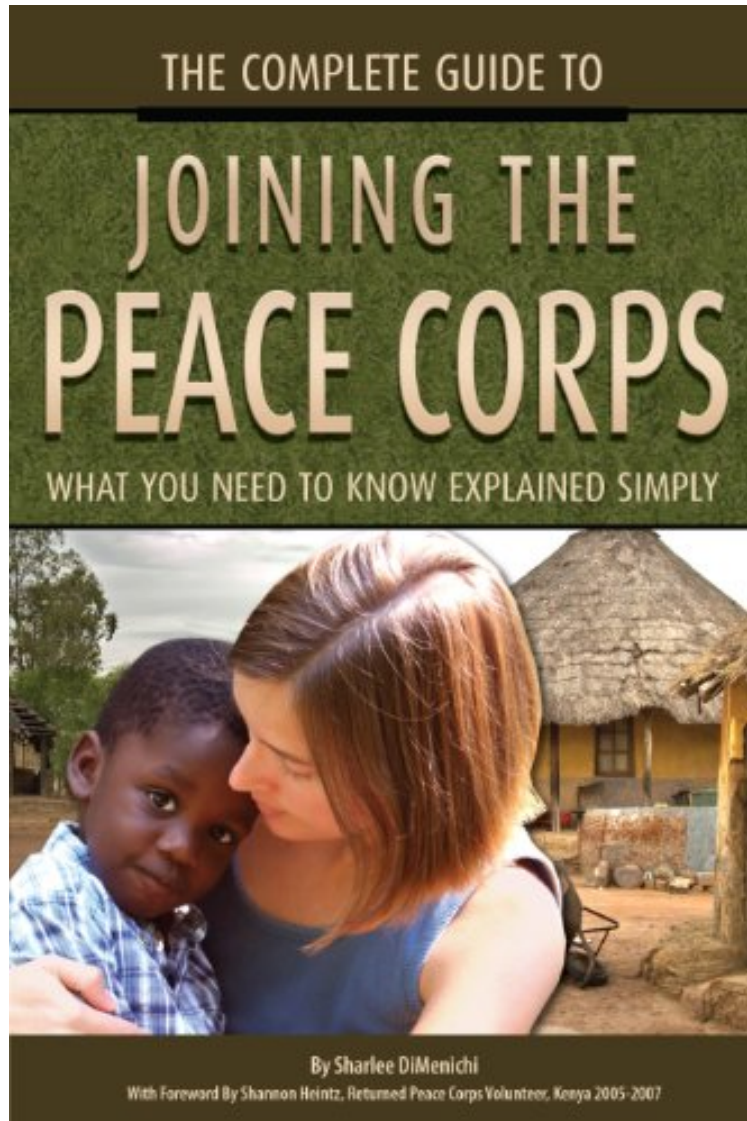


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selection process for the peace corps. Explaining how to prepare for the service, and what to expect. It also explains that you can stay in touch with people at home and just how to do it. The Guide goes as far as to show you exactly how to write a appealing application, as well as the specific qualifications, and need along the way. The Complete Guide to joining the Peace Corps, is a great guide as well as advice for married and older volunteers. It gives advice on how to mentally prepare for the peace corps. Once you have given your application, the guide explains exactly what the Peace corps training and being abroad is all about. It explains exactly what training the peace corps offers, to their workers and what languages you will need to know, along with medical and safety information that you will need. The Guide is a great book for anyone wanting to know exactly what they are getting into with the peace corps, and how after being abroad, to return home to the normal life. It will walk you through everything, and I recommend it to everyone no matter their age or marital status, if you want to be part of something great then go and get this book. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The best guide on the subject By Natasha Ghica The Complete Guide to Joining the Peace Corps is a wonderfully written step-by-step guide that offers guidance to anyone interested in making this life changing choice. The guide offers advice and specific details on how to join the Peace Corps for anyone who is interested. It describes the different volunteer positions of education, environment, community development, business development, and many more that the Peace Corps offers. The guide then goes on to explain the application process, benefits, and the actual experience of volunteering. Dimenchi also discusses the application process for married couples, members of the LGBT community, vegetarians, and other minorities so that no question is left unanswered. As if that wasn't enough, the guide even offers alternatives to Peace Corps for those who decide Peace Corps isn't the right choice and also an extremely helpful overview of every country of service so that the volunteer knows all the details. The Complete Guide to Joining the Peace Corps is the most helpful guide on the subject and a must-read for anyone considering the Peace Corps. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A lesser duplicate By Globetrotter This book follows the premise and format of Banerjee's "The Insider's Guide to the Peace Corps" book, which I found to be both comprehensive and well written and which has become the Gold-Standard guide for prospective volunteers. While I laud DiMenichi for adding to the resources out there, I found this to be weak in comparison. She adds tidbits of information without really adding bigger picture value for those looking to join. I'd say this is a good second book to peruse if you've read Banerjee's book but feel the need to hear some of the same topics addressed in a different voice. Also lacks many of the key appendices that are in Banerjee's book, and which are critical for potential volunteers to have at their fingertips.

The Peace Corps is a great symbol of assistance around the world — an opportunity for men and women of all ages to help those less fortunate. Many people want to join the Peace Corps, and more than 160,000 people have since it was established by President Kennedy in 1961. But many more wonder what the Peace Corps involves and what they need to know before they can volunteer for this life-changing service. This informative book will guide you through the process of not only deciding whether you want to join the Peace Corps, but of showing you everything you will experience and need along the way. You will learn:

- The basic lingo and information needed for the application process.
- The specific qualifications to join and what you can do to boost your chances of submitting a winning application.
- Hints for older volunteers as well as those who are married or worried about entering another country as a minority or different sexual orientation.
- The countries served and the languages spoken, along with vital medical and safety information that you will need to remain safe during your travels.
- How to prepare for your service and training, what to bring, and what to expect.
- How to stay in touch with home through the proper channels and how much travel, social interaction, and free time you will be permitted.

Finally, the process of returning to normal life will be hard, but this book will walk you through the procedure for returning home with a full section on how to adjust to your life. Complete with case studies and advice from past volunteers, this book is a valuable resource for potential Peace Corp volunteers.

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