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The collaborative work of career information specialists Michael Farr and Laurence Shatkin, "175 Best Jobs Not Behind A Desk" is part of JIST’s 'Best Jobs' series. More than just a simple catalog of jobs and careers outside the usual business office, "175 Best Jobs Not Behind A Desk" is a thoroughly 'user friendly', do-it-yourself instruction manual on how to determine not only what jobs are available, but how to go about identifying and selecting the one best for you. The two step process involves first browsing the 70 best jobs lists to find possible jobs that fit your educational background and your employment requirements. Then after picking out some possibilities, go on to the second part of the book for details on earnings, growth, jobs tasks, physical activity levels, training needed, etc. "175 Best Jobs Not Behind A Desk" should be considered a mandatory addition to school counselor and job counselor professional reference shelves, as well as a necessary acquisition for trade school library and community library Jobs & Careers collections.
a. This book basically lists 175 deskless jobs. It further categorizes these jobs within subcategories including level of activity, degree types, personality types, salary, etc. Part 2 of the book delves into the descriptions for each 175 job, i.e., how much time it takes to pursue these careers, job growth, training required, % of people who are self employed, personality types it best suits. It mostly has the more hands on / traditionally male type careers such as athletic coaches, animal trainers, Nuclear medicine technologists, landscaping, grounds keeping, pest control workers, carpenters, laborers, police officers, truck drivers, carpet installers, animal trainers, etc. It does also have the following: registered nurse, athletes, orthodontists, kindergarten teachers, private investigators, physical therapists.
b. I definitely learned what I DON’T want to do, which I always find to be helpful. I know I don’t really want to get retrained into another field. I am willing to start at the bottom, but not willing to go back to school. Then again, maybe 3-6 months of training wouldn’t hurt. I wish I had had this 30 years ago - wouldn’t be working a desk job today! Provides description of job, salary range/potential, educational requirement, etc. and lots of other information. Industry growth per year, number of openings per year, etc.

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