

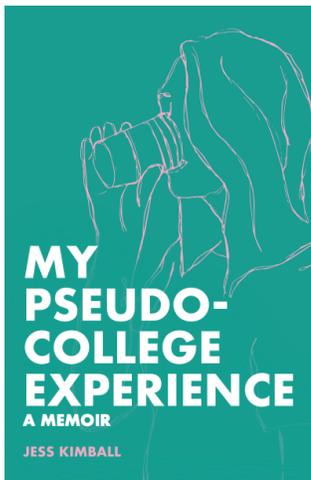


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

New Book My Pseudo-College Experience Questions Whether College is Really Necessary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Mascot Books announces the release of *My Pseudo College Experience*, written by Jess Kimball.



While most other high schoolers were trying to navigate college applications, Jess Kimball was moving abroad, alone. Her decision to focus on traveling and running a business instead of going to college changed her life, especially when she decided to audit classes at Dartmouth College. What resulted was the social experience of college, without the debt and anxiety, or a *pseudo-college experience*, as her mom dubbed it.

Her new memoir, *My Pseudo-College Experience*, aims to find out: Is college really a necessity for everyone? Are the financial burdens and anxiety worth it? Are you “missing out” if you choose a trade school or other career path, and can you get the “full college experience” without actually attending? Jess did—and she did it Ivy League style.

After graduating high school at age 16, Kimball knew just what she wanted — to travel the world and continue her work as a doula, despite pressure she was feeling from others to attend college.

“I knew exactly what I wanted to do and stuck with it, but I was being pushed to go to college and knew it wasn’t right for me,” said Kimball. “People were constantly saying that I missed out on a vital experience by not going to college and that living in a dorm and experiencing all of that was something I needed to have.”

She says her book, *My Pseudo College Experience*, enabled her to gain closure in knowing she made the right choice. Kimball’s hope is that the book will inspire others to pursue a path that’s right for them.

“I don’t want people to read the book and think about my life and what I’ve done,” she said. “I want them to read it and think about what they’re doing and if what they’re doing is really what brings them joy and sets a fire in their belly, and if they’re doing what they’re passionate about. I want people to read it and go after what they want.”

Kimball’s work as a doula is a huge part of who she is. She works with families to find what works for them, being respectful of what they wish to do, while providing guidance and resources for each route they may be curious about taking. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, paddle-boarding, gardening, and being outdoors. She loves to travel and incorporates that into her work. She has worked with families in France and Hawaii and spends lots of her free time with her many animals and writing.

To set up an interview, reading, signing, or for information regarding *My Pseudo College Experience*, please contact sunflowerpostpartumcare@gmail.com.

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