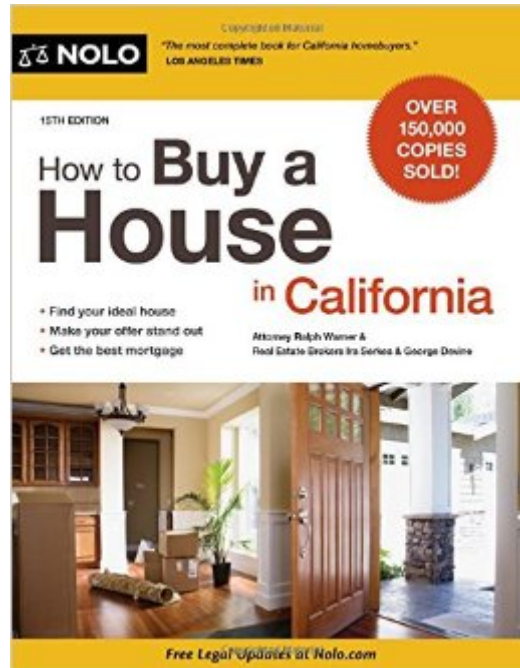


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Customer Reviews

This was recommended to us by another coworker when we were struggling with the realtor and broker jargon. It has very good scenarios and common pitfalls that buyers fall into. I HIGHLY recommend this before you even start searching. It will explain the financial side very deeply up to the way the deeds should be recorded if you are in a domestic partnership. DO YOUR

HOMEWORK.

This book is not an end to end guide on how to buy a house without using an agent. The book is premised on you getting an agent that will guide you through the details of your local area. However, there was some useful information regarding California specific environmental and regulatory information as well as customs in California on who pays for what parts of the selling process.

May be useful for people who need a lot of checklists and navel gazing. None of the necessary forms that you need in order to go through the housebuying process. Real estate agents want the exact forms they are used to using mostly due to ignorance of the law and reluctance to deal with people who are not in the "club". Since the book lacks even a form to make an offer on a property, the reader is stymied. Worse, the book advertises "downloadable forms!" which consist of useless questionnaires and financial statement forms which are available all over the place. Other Nolo press books provide the forms you need for the transactions they cover, i.e. you buy the book on making a will, you will get a form you can use to make a will. Not here.

Good sections explaining home loans! I'm glad they encourage buyers to shop for a loan--loans are not all created equal! And it is one way to get a better deal--a better interest rate or fewer points can make a large difference in the total cost of buying spread over 15 or 30 years. This is not a do-it-yourself type of book but instead covers the basics of buying a home in California. The area that the book does not, and perhaps cannot, cover, is all the things that can go wrong in a transaction. While many things can delay or derail a purchase, the beginner (or feint of heart) does not have the time to make sure that the transaction stays on track and the buyer does have the option to have a trusted advisor take them by the hand through this process. As a real estate agent, I would like to remind you that the buyer does not usually pay a commission to the agent representing them in purchasing a home--so, why would you, the buyer, want to do this all by yourself? The pitfalls are best handled--or even avoided--by your seasoned real estate professional.

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