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Much has changed since 1990, particularly in patent law, with the advent of the provisional patent application. Still useful, but many details will be incorrect.

I don't know whether or why the 2d edition would be on sale, as the first reviewer implies in his or her nevertheless good review. The third edition has been out for two years and it is complete, accessible, understandable, and better than the competition--by far! If you want to understand patents, copyrights, trademarks, this book will make you an expert in an afternoon.
Arthur Miller is a superb professor and legal scholar, and his writing on the topic is clear, concise and easy for the law student or non-IPR lawyer to understand. The edition is important, and this review is of the 2nd edition, which has solid principles now - even 25 years after publication - but the law has changed some and a more recent edition should be purchased. If you are looking for a basic intro, and can suffer through some older case cites and dated law, the one cent used price is a great bargain for an intro to the law on the topic. If you are looking for a review aid for an IP course, or to get ready for a pending case or issue identification for a client, you should pony up for the latest edition.

This nutshell is great, I learned more out of it than I did in my patent law class. I wish I had read it before I took the class, that way I'd have a better understanding of it, it explains the confusing concepts really well. It was a life-saver on the final exam, and I'm going to use it for my trademark law class next semester as well!!

Very thorough guide to IP law and regulations. A little hard to get a survey of the broader regulatory landscape, but still a good resource.

I only read the patent section, and have no knowledge of the other sections. However I have found the book to be entirely too superficial to be of any assistance. Additionally, at more than one occasion on topics that are fairly important, the information was just wrong. I have read the patent section of my IP supplements to prepare for the exam, and I by far recommend the IP hornbook. It's a little longer but WAY worth it over this book. If your library doesn't have a copy and it's too expensive for you, then try Examples and Explanations, but whatever you do, don't just rely on this book, you'll look like an idiot when you completely misstate some things. I mean 90 to 95% of it is right, I'm sure, but I'm going to get enough wrong on my own, I don't need help.

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