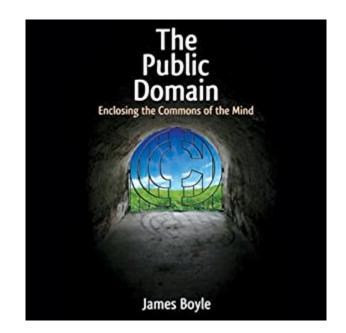
The book was found

## The Public Domain: Enclosing The Commons Of The Mind





## Synopsis

In this enlightening book James Boyle describes what he calls the range wars of the information age--today's heated battles over intellectual property. Boyle argues that just as every informed citizen needs to know at least something about the environment or civil rights, every citizen should also understand intellectual property law. Why? Because intellectual property rights mark out the ground rules of the information society, and today's policies are unbalanced, unsupported by evidence, and often detrimental to cultural access, free speech, digital creativity, and scientific innovation. Boyle identifies as a major problem the widespread failure to understand the importance of the public domain--the realm of material that everyone is free to use and share without permission or fee. The public domain is as vital to innovation and culture as the realm of material protected by intellectual property rights, he asserts, and he calls for a movement akin to the environmental movement to preserve it. With a clear analysis of issues ranging from Jefferson's philosophy of innovation to musical sampling, synthetic biology and Internet file sharing, this timely book brings a positive new perspective to important cultural and legal debates. If we continue to enclose the commons of the mind, Boyle argues, we will all be the poorer. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

## **Book Information**

Audible Audio Edition Listening Length: 13 hours and 2 minutes Program Type: Audiobook Version: Unabridged Publisher: Caravan Audible.com Release Date: March 10, 2010 Whispersync for Voice: Ready Language: English ASIN: B003BR06J4 Best Sellers Rank: #24 in Books > Law > Intellectual Property > Patent, Trademark & Copyright > Copyright #162 in Books > Audible Audiobooks > Nonfiction > Law

## **Customer Reviews**

Imagine it is 1991. Your task is to produce the greatest reference work in history. It must cover everything from the best Thai food in Durham to the history of the Blue Dog coalition. Will you hire an army of experts and editors to produce an encyclopedia? Or will you wait for an unorganized multitude of volunteers aided by search engines to create a world wide web of information? I would have bet on the experts. James Boyle, Duke University law professor and author of The Public Domain, would have, too. The last time he consulted a print encyclopedia was 1998. You? The internet, of course, changed everything. But: "In the middle of the most successful and exciting experiment in nonproprietary, distributed creativity in the history of our species, our policy makers can see only the threat from `piracy.'"Take an MP3. Boyle argues that it is fundamentally different than physical property, like a car. My use of an MP3 does not interfere with yours. We can both listen to it. No property is lost if it is copied or shared. It is not like stealing your car. You have an MP3, and I have an MP3. No one has "lost" anything. Except the content provider's (an insidious term if ever there was one) opportunity for profit. BMG and Sony, naturally, equate file-sharing with theft. They argue that file-sharing means no creators are compensated, meaning there is no incentive to create. No one creates for free, they say. A one-word retort: Wikipedia.The recording companies use copyright law to protect their ability to profit in a specific, proprietary way.

Boyle's latest book, Public Domain, is a fascinating read. For a copyright lawyer like myself, PD is a god-send. Digital copyright and its implication on free-speech, innovation, access to information/useful writting etc. is a rapidly expanding area of scholarship; litteratures out there are vast and intimidating, enough to put newcomers off eventhough the subject's basic premise could be easily grasped by all. Boyle managed to provide a guide which gives a big picture of what was then, what is now and what will happen next. Just reading this one book will put you in touch with practically all the latest (and disturbing) issues regarding the digital copyright movement. I'm actually teaching my IT law class from it. The endnotes at the back are so informative and useful; they are the perfect guide for readers who want to delve more deeply into any particular topic. This book also provides everything you will ever need to know about intellectual property, with out going into unnecessary details. It covers philosophy of IP, the historical development (both in common-law world and in the continent), visions and warnings of Jefferson and Macaulay. It also captures the world before and after Sony-Betamax and encapsulates the mind-set of entertainment industry and their dislike of new business practices. I particularly like Boyle's discussion about why a pro-consumer decision like the Sony case is so important as a rare "counter-example" of technological threat argument and why Grockster and Napster failed to reach the same result: it's all about politics of the cartel dinosaurs; no one is really fighting for the consumer. It's simply logical and thus hard not to believe in what he wants to say. Information here is just abundant.

Download to continue reading...

The Public Domain: Enclosing the Commons of the Mind Step By Step To Your Own Domain And Webhosting: Tips and tricks for registering your own domain name and connecting it with your webhosting provider (Step By Step Booklets Book 1) How To Book Of Domain Names - Domain Name Investing Bible Of Domain Names - Domain Name Investing A Communication from Sir Charles Brisbane, K.C.B. Governor of Saint Vincent: To the House of Assembly of That Colony, Enclosing Lord Bathurst's ... Assembly; and a Letter Depicting the Alarm The Public Domain: How to Find & Use Copyright-Free Writings, Music, Art & More Governing Knowledge Commons House of Lords and Commons: Poems Commons (New California Poetry) Reclaiming the Commons for the Common Good Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action (Canto Classics) The Manual to Online Public Records: The Researcher's Tool to Online Resources of Public Records and Public Information The Art of Setting up WordPress 4.6 [2017 Edition] How To Build A WordPress Website On Your Domain, From Scratch, Even If You Are A Complete Beginner DNS Security: Defending the Domain Name System BAM! How To Create A Website In Under One Hour: How to build a wordpress website for a blog or a business on a budget, including advice on plugins, domain name and more Domain Names For Dummies? (For Dummies (Computers)) 21 Tips For Choosing a Great Domain Name Moving Your Blog: How to transfer your blog to your own personal domain name and server from Blogger/Blogspot or Wordpress.com Domain Name Management Checklist Internet Governance and the Domain Name System: Issues for Congress

<u>Dmca</u>