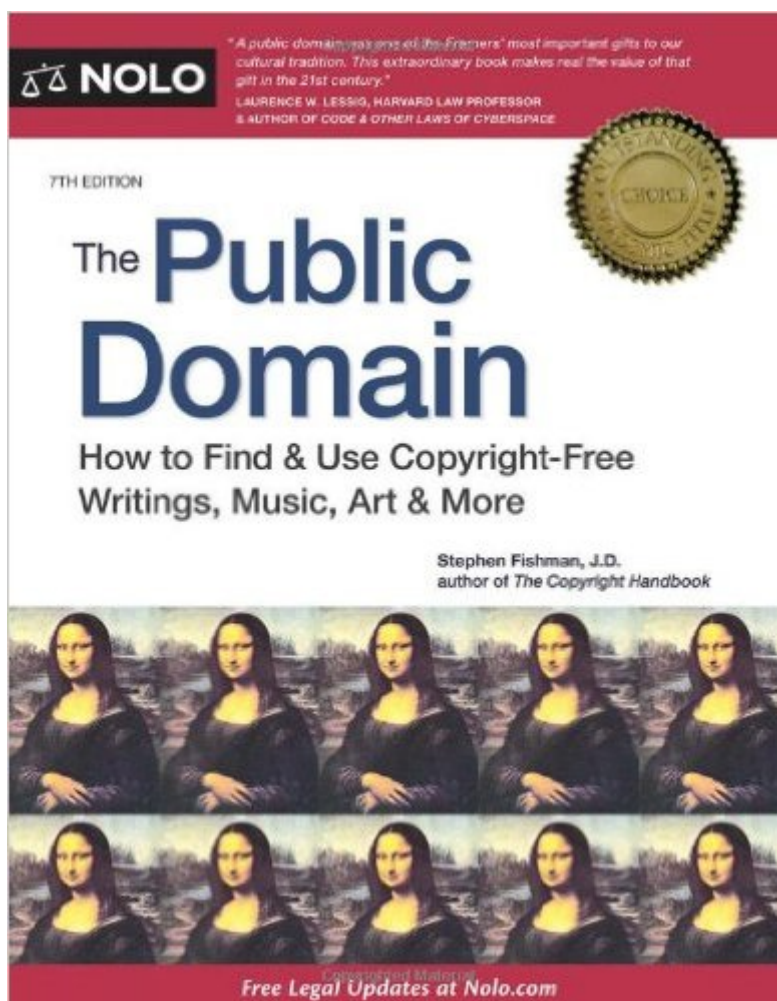


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# The Public Domain: How To Find & Use Copyright-Free Writings, Music, Art & More



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