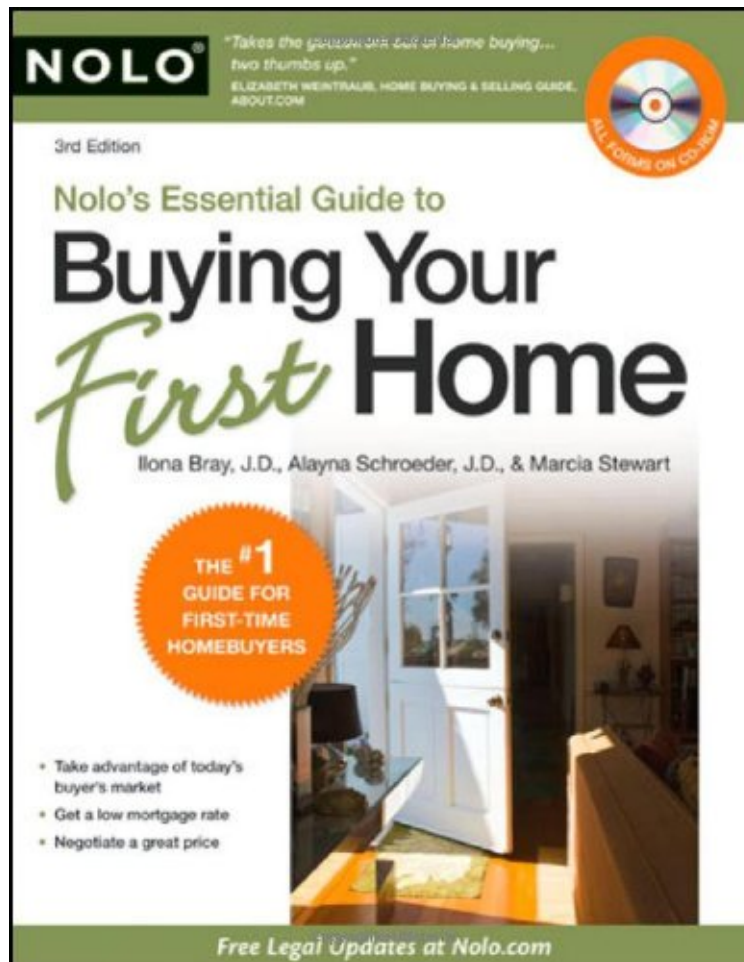


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Ilona Bray J.D., Marcia Stewart, Alayna Schroeder J.D. : Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home:

92 of 94 people found the following review helpful. Quirky and useful, but needs to be supplemented. I am just starting to research what's involved in purchasing a first home. I found this book to be very helpful in providing a landscape of what is involved, but you should supplement it with more specific books, particularly around mortgages. The book starts out by having you evaluate what you want in a home, and prioritizing the features. It tells you how to research neighborhoods, ok this is pretty city-centric but they are trying to reach a wide audience. It explains the various professionals involved in each stage of the process, provides forms for interviewing them, and explains what they should provide. It continues to walk you through the inspections, negotiations and closings. The book is easy to read, but let's face it, the purchase process is complex, and I found myself re-reading some sections

discussing the many forms and insurance options. There are some quirky sidebars that are of questionable value (songs about houses, a cookie recipe) but they do add some levity. Where the book fell a little short was the mortgage discussion. The first book I read "Mortgage Ripoffs and Money Savers: An Industry Insider Explains How to Save Thousands on Your Mortgage or Re-Finance" covers this in great detail, and I highly recommend it as supplemental reading. It will explain in detail the junk fees that are mentioned in this book. The forms included in the book have varying degrees of usefulness, but the interview and inspection forms are gold. A number of websites are listed throughout the book, and will save you from having to Google for the information. Overall I'm happy with this book, and plan to reference it throughout the purchase process.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Investment By Mrs. Hopefully This book is well organized by chapter to help you find the information you need. This was one of the books to catch my interest because my husband and I intend to purchase our first home within the next eight years. We are giving ourselves plenty of time to look around because we actually plan to permanently reside in the home for the long-term. The entire thing was helpful for me during the home-buying process to help me understand the steps and what to expect. It includes detailed information on making first time home purchases. There is also a Cd-rom attached to the end of the book. Unlike most how-to books, I read this one cover to cover. It covers every step in the home buying process, in order from start to finish. It includes detailed information on topics such as finding the right house, finding a loan, getting a good real estate agent, figuring out what to offer, the closing process, inspections, homeowners insurance and more. I bought a small army of how-to books to help me buy my first home, but I really only needed this one. The following are some of the informative details included in the book: Pages 25-27: Pinpointing personal preferences choice in the neighborhood of the home purchase Pages 90-97: Essential details on real estate agents Pages 275-303: Items to take care of before closing in on a house deal

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Find the right house at the right price with insider tips and advice from the experts! Say goodbye to landlords and laundromats with Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home. This timely title will help you find the right place to live and invest in -- and even have fun doing it. Filled with interesting facts, real-life stories and common pitfalls to avoid, this book provides everything you need to select the right house, the right mortgage, the right agent, the right inspections -- and much more. Get the inside scoop on: deciding between a house, condo, co-op or townhouse exploring your local market for the best value qualifying for and lining up financing getting the right inspections and insurance negotiating with sellers or new home builders successfully closing the deal Read through the real-world experiences of over 20 first-time homebuyers, as well as valuable insights from a team of 13 real estate professionals, including: brokers attorneys who specialize in real estate a home inspector a neighborhood researcher a mortgage specialist and more! Along with this step-by-step handbook, you'll get The Homebuyer's Toolkit, a CD-ROM that includes dozens of forms and MP3s which will help you find the right place, crunch the numbers, interview real estate professionals, and even borrow down payment money from your parents. The brand new 3rd edition of Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home is fully updated to reflect the dramatically changed housing market, including emphasis on how to do the right kind of research before deciding on a price and the terms of your offer. It also includes a new discussion of what to expect when you're looking for financing. Are you a California resident? Check out How to Buy a House in California

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