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Everything a buyer needs to know to buy a first home, with insider tips and advice from the experts!

Rental prices have gone through the roof, more homes are coming up for sale, and buying a home remains a sound investment. But how do you know whether you're ready? And what steps should you take in the weeks or months ahead to find, buy, and move into your new home? *Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home* will help you find the right place to live and invest in -- and enjoy the process, too.

Filled with interesting facts, real-life stories and insights, and common pitfalls to avoid, this book provides everything you need to select the right type of home, 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

creating and managing a realistic homebuying budget

qualifying for and securing loan financing

getting the right inspections and insurance

negotiating with sellers or new home builders

successfully closing the deal, and more.

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:

real estate brokers

attorneys who specialize in real estate

a home inspector

a neighborhood researcher

a mortgage specialist

and more!

The 6th edition of *Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home* is fully updated to reflect the dramatically changed U.S. housing market, with emphasis on how to assess the state of your local market and local homes' true worth before making an offer and negotiating the terms of the deal. Download forms for book at Nolo.com

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Elizabeth Chavun says

It was very clear on the way to pick a home and what to search for as far as loans. Some information I was aware and others not so much. If you a looking for an easy read on home buying I suggest this one.

Flynn says

I borrowed this book because I wanted to learn more about the home-buying process -- understand what the steps are, the terminology, and what costs to expect. I now feel like I have a much better grasp of what's involved, and expect to have just a little bit less stress if I ever am in a position to buy.

Erin says

I am so glad I checked this book out this spring! I started reading it thinking my husband and I were going to buy my grandfather's house, figuring I'd just skip over all the parts that didn't apply to us. Luckily, I stink at skimming, so I ended up reading nearly everything. I learned SO much about this whole home-buying process, from vocabulary (what "points" are, for example) to what to expect and what to watch out for at each stage in the process. Buying a house turned out to be a whirlwind experience once we decided to buy an entirely different house, and having read the Nolo book was a sanity-saver for me. It's so well organized and well written--very clear and easy to follow. I referred back to multiple sections many times, especially the chart on paying points to lower your interest rate (pg. 134) and how long it takes to recoup the costs. That page helped us know we shouldn't waste our money because the current cost of points is too high. Thank you, Nolo Press!

Sarah says

Great resource to look over when starting that journey toward buying your first house. Great resources such as questions to ask potential realtors, inspection examples, and a simplified overview of the process start to finish.

Sylvana says

Very good instruction for someone who is completely new to the whole home-buying process.

Andrew Podojil says

Okay book. A lot of useful information, but written in a generally annoying way for me. Still a worthwhile and relatively quick read to get a good background on everything.

Kate says

This book is awesome and really made me feel more prepared during this process. You will still need to do some research on things in your state, but this book is a great start.

Richie says

Super useful.

Michael Ellsworth says

WOW, this book is the most informative book!

Katherine Cowley says

I read this book, and then I bought a house. So I suppose the book worked!

Lisa says

A lot of really good information, all in one place. There's also a CD-Rom with worksheets for you to evaluate what you really want, do a budget, etc. It had some information I didn't know, which is saying something since I've researched a little too much into this stuff :)

Jess says

pretty dang helpful

Ashley says

Read most of the 2017 edition while buying my condo in Charleston. Very easy to understand and helpful in explaining the whole process.

Maureen says

Solid information and some ideas that I hadn't thought about it. I feel like one really needs to start the process and talk with professionals though for a more accurate picture of home purchasing, particularly given how much the market has changed in the last six months.

Margo says

Here we go. . .
