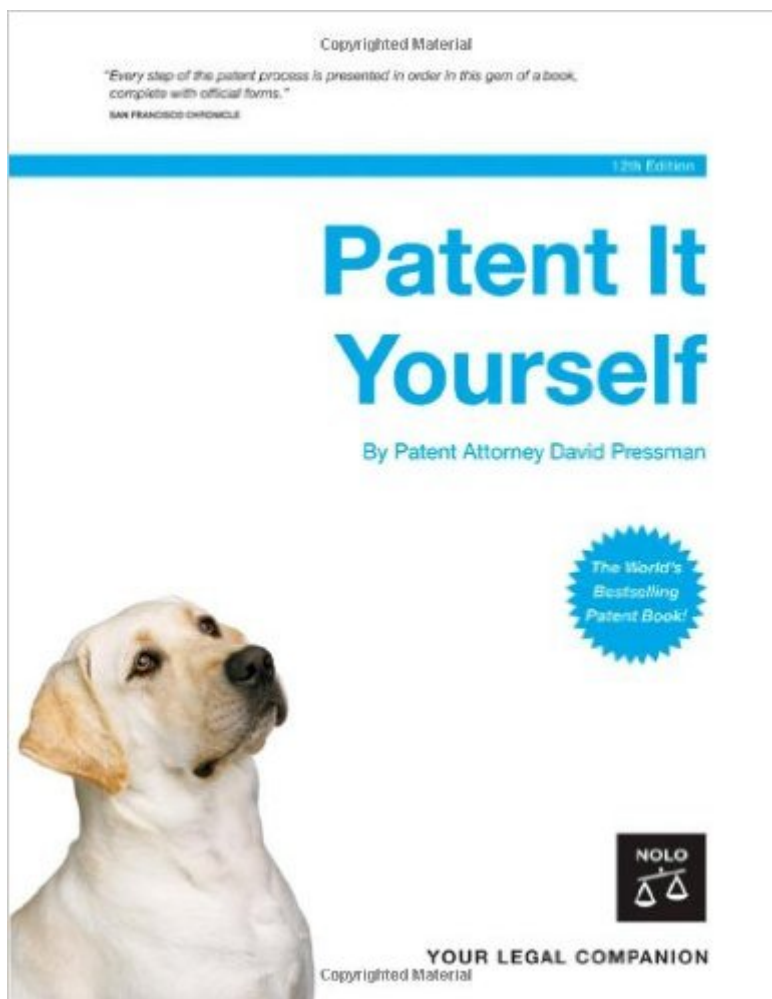


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I ordered this book to educate myself on the process of obtaining a patent. I don't plan on writing my own application--I believe pretty strongly that, even with a good book of this sort, self-filing is a very bad idea. I know from some work that I have done that patents are regularly thrown out in court

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I'm a patent attorney, and I've kept this book near my desk for years. I recommend it often to clients. Even if they really don't want to file their own patent applications, the book helps them to better understand patent applications. After reading a few chapters, they're often able to make well-informed decisions about their patent matters. And many patent attorneys can benefit from reading parts of the book, such as the chapter on marketing inventions.

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