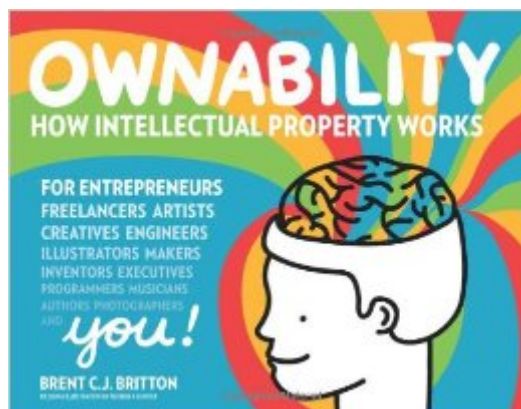


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# Ownability: How Intellectual Property Works



## Synopsis

When you create, design, or invent things, the rules of intellectual property (IP) determine who owns your creations and whether or not you can prevent other people from copying them. If you work in a creative or innovative field, you should know enough about IP to make intelligent decisions about your job or business. You should understand the ownability of your own ability. This book provides a working understanding of the four primary forms of IP: patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. You will learn what these forms of IP protect, how to obtain them, and how to avoid having them used against you by others. Intellectual property is a complex subject; expertise in the field requires years of study and practice. By necessity, then, I have significantly simplified this material. This book will not prepare you to take the patent bar exam, but it will help you understand how IP can affect your life for better and for worse.

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read and it comes with my highest recommendation.

As an entrepreneur, freelancer, or inventor, you know that in this knowledge economy your intellectual property is your key financial asset. Protecting your intellectual property is akin to putting your money safely in a bank vault. The book, "Ownability," is an imminently practical, yet surprisingly delightful, guide to managing and increasing your intellectual property (IP). Written by Brent C.J. Britton, a Silicon Valley veteran entrepreneur who has been practicing Intellectual Property law for over 15 years, "Ownability" clearly and competently guides the creative spirit through the broad brushstrokes of IP protection as well as many important intricacies. For example, the extent of the originality of the work may be a viable defense against a copyright infringement claim: Take that, sampled-music claims! Such experience is skillfully and dutifully bestowed in this pleasant, readable, "roadmap," of a book. The guide's illustrations in particular bring fun and buoyancy to the thorough, helpful, subject matter. From trademarks and patents, to copyrights and trade secrets, "Ownability" is the creator's handbook for protecting oneself in the exhilarating world of turning ideas into assets and protecting them. It's a must for every creative's bookshelf!

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