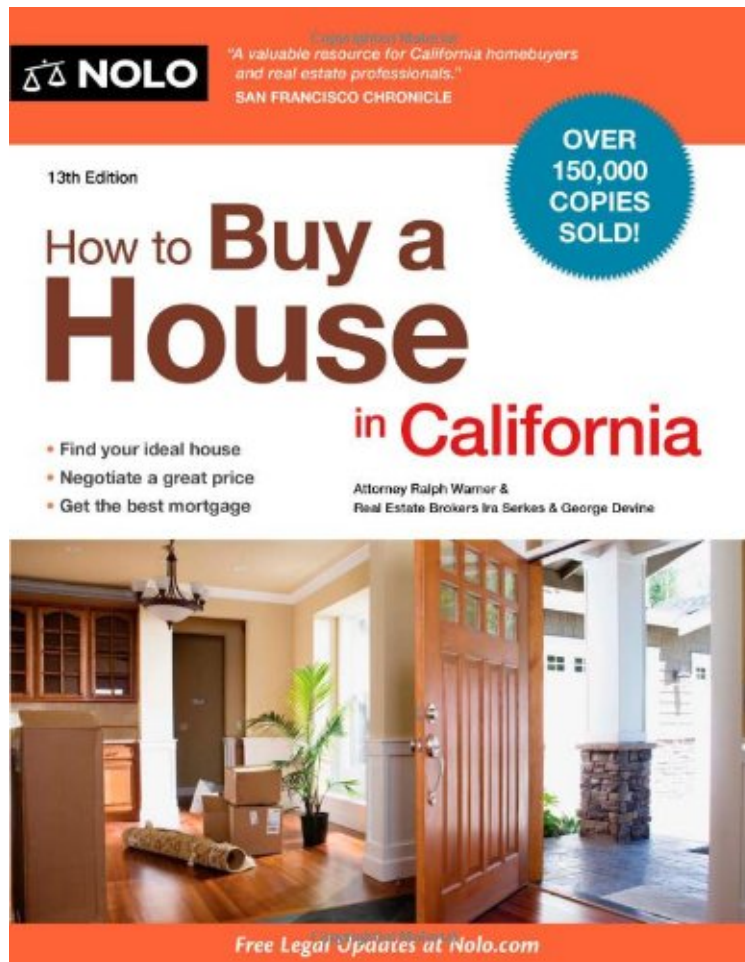


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houses we've been eyeballing have been going for \$120k+ above what the investor originally bought it for. Makes a huge difference for someone in our budget. Anyway, that's anecdotal, so it may not be the same in your area; we live in the lower half. California is a big state, so the market may be different depending on where you are. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book for California REBy RGAThe authors do a great job of covering aspects of real estate important to California. These include:1. Addressing the high cost of real estate and dealing with down payment requirements.2. California-specific paperwork and legalese.3. Local customs regarding who (buyer or seller) pays fees.This book is less comprehensive with respect to the buy/sell and mortgage financing decision. It is best as an accompaniment to other real estate books.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Kevin K TokunagaExactly as advertised. Thank you!

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