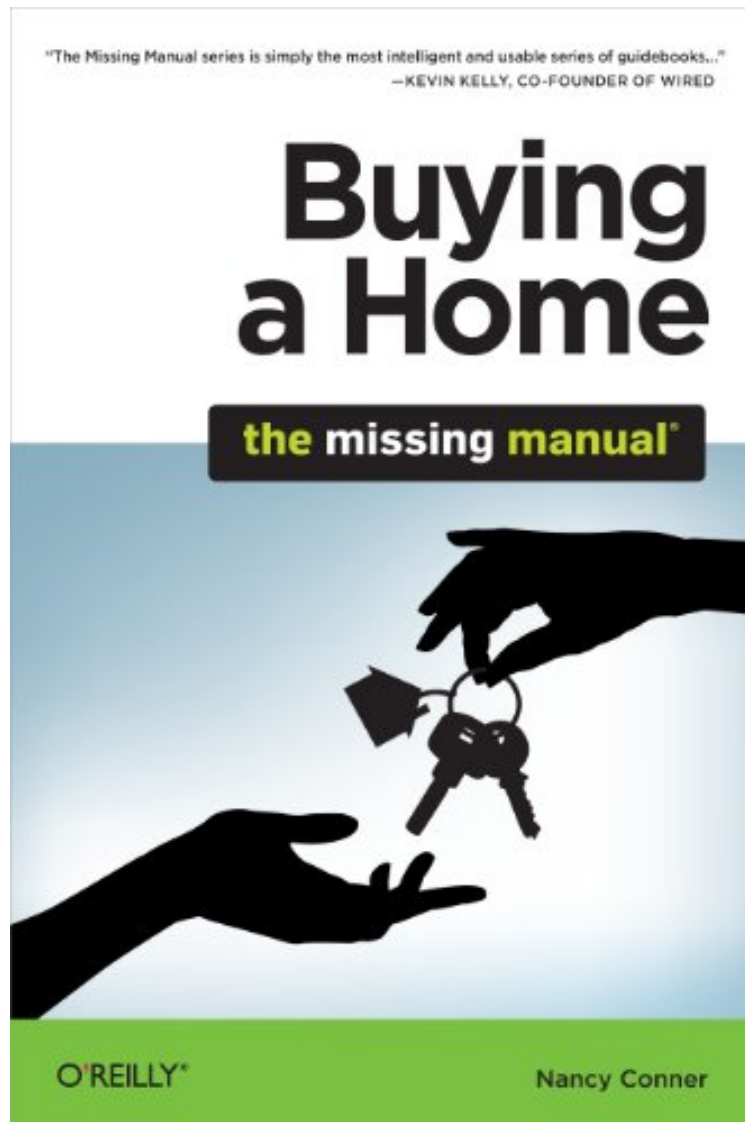


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use to compare closing costs for different loans. Having said the good things about the book, it is really just for first time home buyers. It did not cover issues like how to leverage, about cash flow, how to craft for a lease if you wanna be a home owner and know other various ways to make profit on the property. So advanced buyers for investment buyers may want to choose other books. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really Nice Survey of Home-buying Fundamentals By Mike If you're a first-time homebuyer, it is critical to read a book like this. Agents and lenders will start throwing around lingo on day one that can leave you massively confused. The Missing Manual is a nice introduction to the language and process of buying a home. This book won't knock your socks off, but it will make you think about the important issues involved when buying a home. If only I could get my wife to read it... :-)

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Home ownership is a cornerstone of the American dream, but it's a complex process that, without the right guidance, can seem like a nightmare. This Missing Manual takes you through the process of buying a home, from start to finish. Along the way, you'll use the book's expert advice and fill-in forms to identify the house you want, figure out what kind of neighborhood you want to live in, determine what a target home is really worth, make an offer, and close the deal. Throughout the process, this book helps you:

- Realistically determine how much house you can afford
- Assemble a real estate team that's looking after your interests and not the seller's
- Understand the different ways to finance your house, and which is best for you
- Create an attractive offer with the best chance of acceptance
- Learn what lenders look for so you can get your mortgage approved
- Inspect your new home to uncover potential problems
- Prepare all the right paperwork for a smooth closing

This is one of the best buyer's markets in quite some time. It's tempting to buy a house right now. But before you rush off to buy, it might be a good idea to read this great book, *Buying a Home: The Missing Manual*, by Nancy Conner.-- Miranda Marquit,