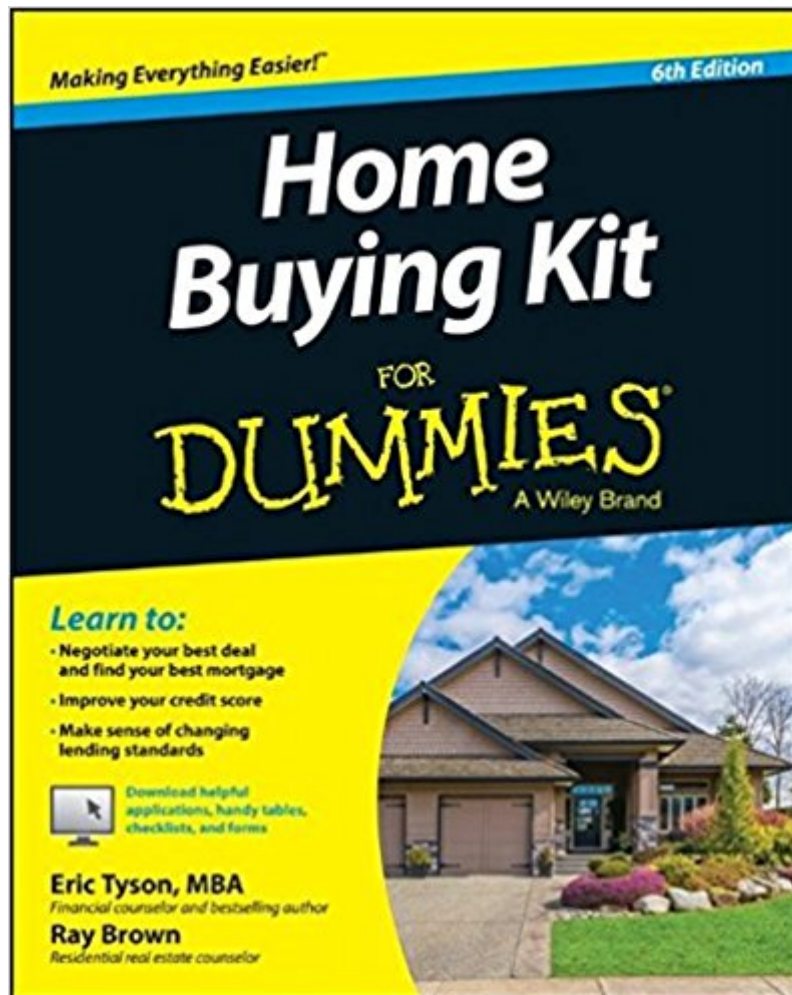


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# Home Buying Kit For Dummies



## Synopsis

America's #1 bestselling home buying guide Are you looking to buy a house, but don't quite know where to begin? Have no fear! This new edition of Home Buying Kit For Dummies arms you with Eric Tyson and Ray Brown's time-tested advice and strategies for buying a home in current market conditions. Packed with valuable tips for getting the best deal on your new home and navigating an ever-changing housing market, it shows you how to find the right property, make smart financial decisions, and understand the latest lending requirements and tax implications. Thanks to looser lending standards, lower down payment mortgages, and a wider selection of homes to choose from, first-time homebuyers are making a comeback in the housing market. But if you don't know a Colonial from a counter offer, the process of buying a home can be daunting. Luckily, this bestselling guide is here to take the confusion out of the process! In plain English, it provides step-by-step guidance for buying the home of your dreams, from inspecting a property to evaluating a location to making sense of loan applications, tax documents, and counter offer forms. Negotiate your best deal and obtain a lower down payment mortgage Improve your credit score Make sense of changing lending standards Take the confusion out of lending laws, mortgage rates, and marketplace conditions Whether you're a renter, investor, or current homeowner, everything you need to plant roots in a new home sweet home is just a page away.

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Just bought a home. I see there is a "mortgages for dummies" and a few other related titles.

However, this book really has all you need. And, I read everything the realtor sent. THAT is A LOT of reading (every word of every contract, of every statement). The moral: just be informed and this book, like all of Mr. Tyson's books, will do that for you.

On my kindle app the "parts" are all that is listed in the table of contents. These are huge sections with vague names that make it almost impossible to find what you want. I did just find a list of the list of chapters and their contents inside the book, still wish it was part of the table in the menu. Hopefully I'll be able to find some more info now.

If you have any working knowledge of money, how to manage your finances, or the homebuying process (even if you simply have watched a few episodes of house hunters on TV) do NOT waste your time. I purchased this book for my husband and I to feel more comfortable as we began our home buying search. We read the first half of the book by skimming the first sentence of each section, saying how we already know how that works, and moving on to the next section to eventually pass that one as well. We just put an offer down on a house and revisited the book to see if it explained the closing process (the only thing we are still fuzzy on) and alas, no help whatsoever. For example, one of the first "lessons" they focus on is the pre-approval process and how just because a lender will approve you for 5 million dollars, this does not mean you can necessarily AFFORD to spend 5 million dollars.. well no kidding because I barely get by paying my current rent. I am disappointed I compulsively bought this along with Mortgages for Dummies in my house hunting excitement. IF you are considering this, I highly recommend going to a physical book store first and skimming through it before purchasing as this is clearly NOT for everyone.

This book (although the updated version) is not really updated. The table in the front includes mortgage rates that are well above what is currently being offered. It is evident that they claim it's an updated version but the information does not reflect the current market.

Both light in substance and light hearted in nature. This book takes a seemingly jovial stance on a very important topic. If you strip out the fluff, the central thesis of the book would only comprise a handful of the 300+ pages. Skip it entirely or thumb through it in your local Barnes and Noble.

Great General intro to home buying.

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