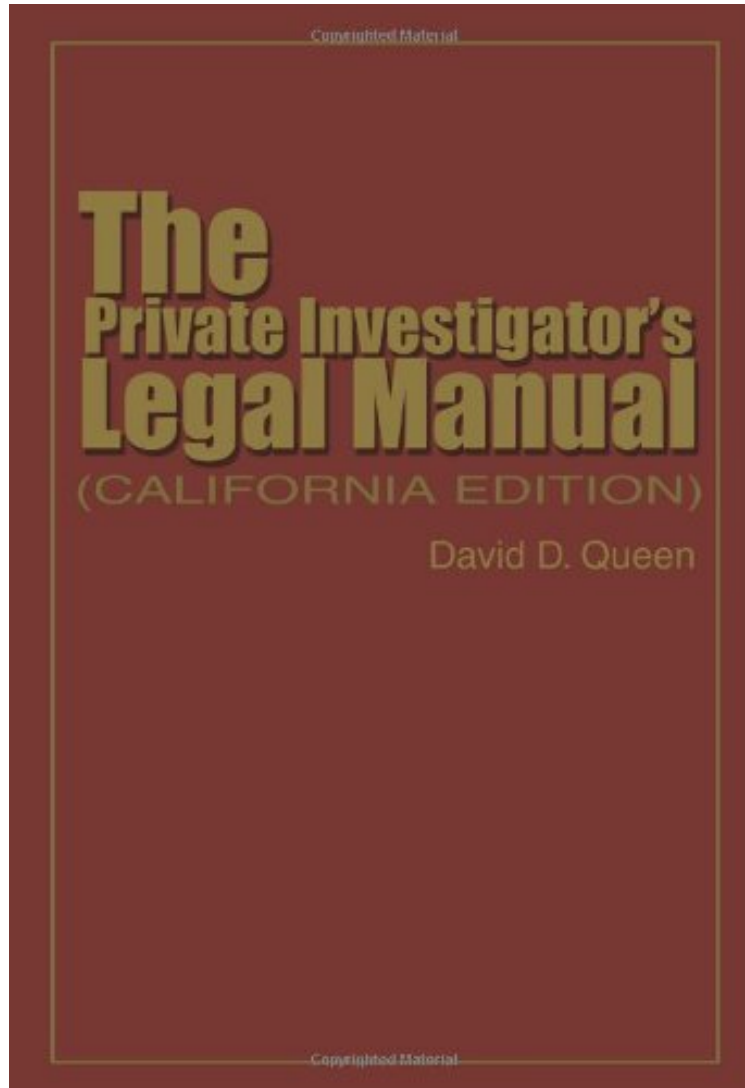


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Investigation Industry. I found the book more of a primer for general Administration of Justice first year students. The book does however do a good job re-enforcing the point that California has very rigorous laws concerning topics like privacy, trespassing and surveillance. There are so many other areas that are covered in the California Private Investigation test that aren't addressed in this book. I feel that Mr. Queen missed a good opportunity to make this a very good book by touching on or giving reference links to other areas that were in the test. Since there are precious few books out there on this topic this book is one of the few that does help in the areas I have already mentioned. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. THIS is the study guide you need... By Chris M. I bought this and the "official" study guide that PSI recommends (the one from Passbooks). Let me just say that this book had excellent, relevant, and clear information. This book is presented in a few sections. The first section takes you through plain language, real world, examples of legal pitfalls and responsibilities. The back of the book contains the PI Act verbatim as well as other relevant code sections. I read this book twice and using the knowledge of my previous law enforcement training and this book I was able to pass the exam FIRST TIME! Most of the questions on the exam looked like they were lifted directly from this text. Keep in mind... PSI never sent me any of the usual study guides. I got no power to arrest manual or list of items to read. As for the "official" Passbook.... TRASH. It contained photocopied pages, illegible maps, and NONE of the questions were relevant to the test. What a waste of money. Mr. Queen's book SHOULD BE the recommended reading for anyone preparing for this exam. I will keep this book in my library and refer to it often as I begin my career as a licensed private investigator. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good Reference for California P.I. exam... By Jim H. I used this book primarily for prepping for the Calif. P.I. Exam. Since there is little info out there regarding the CA PI exam, I had to find something. This book is half concepts written clearly and easy to read and the other half is Codes from Penal, BP, Civil, etc. All in all I got a lot of valuable info from this book to help me pass the test on the first time. However, I also have a background in L/E. If you have some experience in L/E or as a PI, this may be your best source. If you do not have that much experience, it still is one of the better sources out there that I could find. It lays out many concepts regarding surveillance and what you can and cannot do. Very valuable. I will be keeping this book around as I start my P.I. business. - Jim H.

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