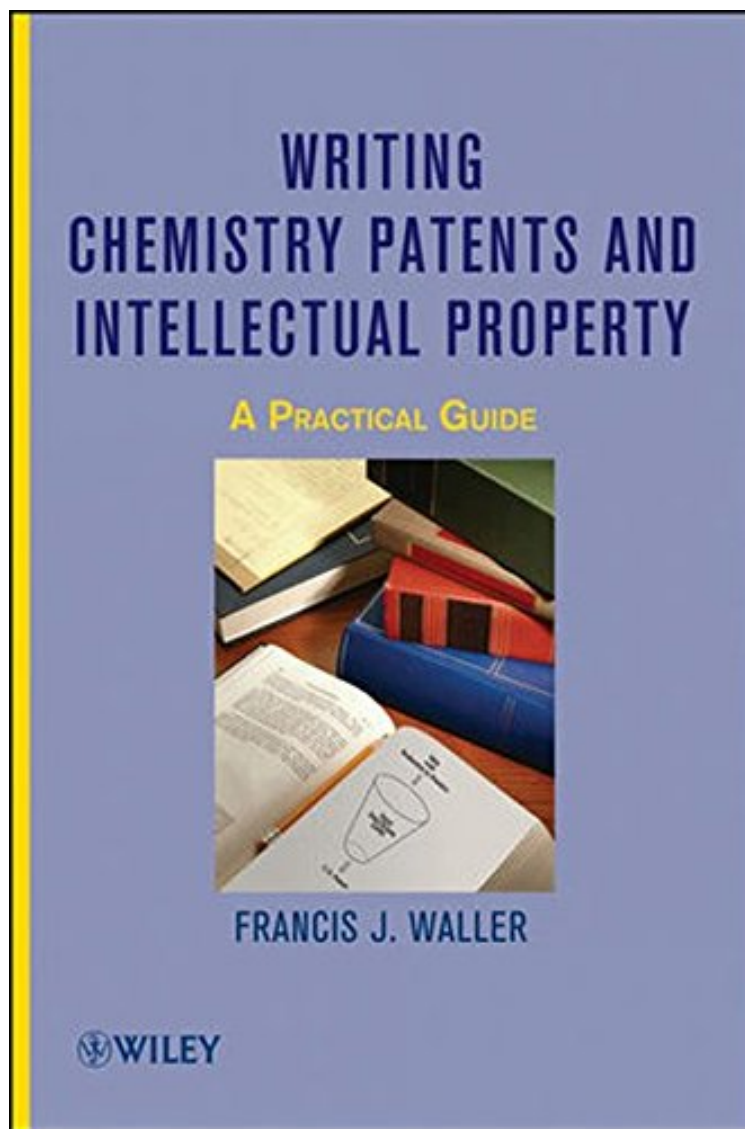


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Concept, but Some Issues By C. Richard Full disclosure, I am an attorney registered to practice before the USPTO; in more common parlance, I am a patent attorney or patent

lawyer. I have given presentations on patent law and the patent system to scientists and engineers a number of times in the past. I have never met or otherwise communicated with the author of the book being reviewed. Disclaimer. I am not giving any legal advice in this review. Readers should seek the counsel of a patent attorney or agent if they require such advice. I may or may not agree with individual statements made in this book, nor am I saying that coverage in the book, as to topics and/or depth of coverage of the topics, is necessarily sufficient for any or all uses. That being said, I think that overall, the author did a good job in structuring the book. There is much useful information in it, and it seems well presented for the intended audience, at least overall. The book focuses on a chemical technology context, but at least much of it could be applied in other technology contexts. Dr. Waller, the author, seems to have much practical experience working with intellectual property, especially patents. He is not a patent attorney or agent, but his viewpoint here as an experienced scientist is valuable to readers working in chemical technology. I do have a few issues with the book. First, I think that it would have been better if Dr. Waller had a patent attorney or agent as a co-author; the law of patents and other intellectual property is complex and changes from time to time. Second, there is some "less precise" terminology used; looking at the front and back covers for instance, readers should understand that it is more correct to say that one drafts or prepares chemical patent applications, as opposed to writing or authoring chemical patents. Third, I did not see any details on what constitutes prior art. Fourth, though some important aspects of recent patent law reform were mentioned, I don't think a complete picture was given; in fairness, many of the provisions have not come into effect even now, making a presentation difficult. In conclusion, I think that technical people, at least those working with chemical technologies, could learn many useful and important lessons by reading this book, but they should keep in mind that it has its limitations as mentioned above and perhaps even beyond those.

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By M Cox
This book does a pretty good job of explaining the jargon used in patents and defining terms like copyright, trademark and trade secret. It outlines the history of the patent process, and the application process as a whole. The chemistry part of it is the examples used to explain the terminology, although the examples are focused mainly on organic chemistry. The book goes through several example patents and breaks them down explaining the parts of the patent to great detail, including the numbers to the side of the lines called "line numbers". I'm pretty sure anyone who plans to write a chemistry patent has already published several scientific papers and knows line numbers at first sight. Because of this level of explanation, the book is very dry and boring to read. Anyone considering purchasing this book should know that it is merely intended to introduce intellectual property and patent terminology. It is not a replacement for a good patent attorney. Reading this book in no way qualifies someone to write their own chemistry patent.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Outdated and does not teach writing patent applications
By Tyler Forge
This book is geared toward the technical expert, such as a PhD chemist, who wants to understand just what the patenting process is about. Wait for an updated version though. Maybe the publisher demanded the misleading title. Firstly, many parts of this book are now outdated due to the enactment of the American Invents Act. Disclosure - I am both a technical expert (not in chemistry) and a patent attorney. This book obviously wasn't geared toward me. I still found it useful because I often talk and advise people regarding their desire to apply for a patent or what is going on with their application. There is a huge chasm between what lawyers say and what their clients hear. This book helped me narrow that chasm a bit. It also annoyed me here and there where I disagreed with the author. Such is the course with opposing experts. Another thing of note is that the book could use another run or two through editing. Malformed and grammatically incorrect sentences stop the flow of information from book to brain as you reread the sentence to see if you misread. Now to why I assert it isn't about writing patent applications. The chapter on claims is far from sufficient. The first thing I do when I write an application is draft the claims. The claims are the heart and soul of the patent. I typically spend a third of the total writing time on the claims. The rest of the application simply flows out after that. The book's advice is to have an attorney write the claims. OK, but I've met many inventors who have figured out how to write claims well. It took them years of experience with the patent process and working with an attorney but they ended up being very good. Also, see Table 7.3 "required parts of the patent format". Ummmm, no. Maybe recommended by the author but certainly not required by law or by the USPTO. In fact, I use a different template. This can be chalked up to one of those disagreeable details that patent attorneys argue about while everyone else finds an interesting conversation. I didn't intend to go on a rant when I started this review. I actually have a positive opinion about the book. Somehow, the title drew me off course and I reviewed the book with a view toward writing patents. Maybe supplement this book with one of the NOLO books. Dunno.

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on your work, to prepare an application that can be easily duplicated, and to understand what goes on behind the scenes during the patent examiner's rejection process. Providing essential insights, invaluable strategies, and applicable, real-world examples designed to maximize the chances that a patent will be accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, *Writing Chemistry Patents and Intellectual Property* is the book you need if you want to keep your work protected.

.com From the Author: You Have Just Completed a Synthesis of a Drug By a Novel Chemical Process Have you ever asked yourself any of the following questions about intellectual property and their impact on your invention? What is the next step to protect your invention for your employer or self? What invention documentation should you perform and what information do you need to assemble for an Invention Disclosure? How do you structure a Prior Art search of the public domain information to determine if your invention is new or novel? Should you keep the invention as a trade secret? Should you file a provisional or non-provisional patent application? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each? What should you think about for foreign filing? Will your new drug require a trademark? What do you need to know about copyrights if you decide to publish a scientific article based on your invention? "With this book, the author has made a good attempt to present this information in an unfussy way and with an obvious relevance to a working chemist." (Chemistry World, 2012) From the Back Cover Understanding intellectual property, safeguarding your ideas Intellectual property is constantly at risk, and the protection of chemical science and technology through the patenting process allows individuals and companies to protect their hard work. But in order to truly be able to protect your ideas, you need to understand the basics of patenting for yourself. A practical handbook designed to empower inventors like you to write your own patent application drafts in conjunction with an attorney, *Writing Chemistry Patents and Intellectual Property: A Practical Guide* presents a brand new methodology for success. Based on a short course author Francis J. Waller gives for the American Chemical Society, the book teaches you how to structure a literature search, to educate the patent examiner on your work, to prepare an application that can be easily duplicated, and to understand what goes on behind the scenes during the patent examiner's rejection process. Providing essential insights, invaluable strategies, and applicable, real-world examples designed to maximize the chances that a patent will be accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, *Writing Chemistry Patents and Intellectual Property* is the book you need if you want to keep your work protected.