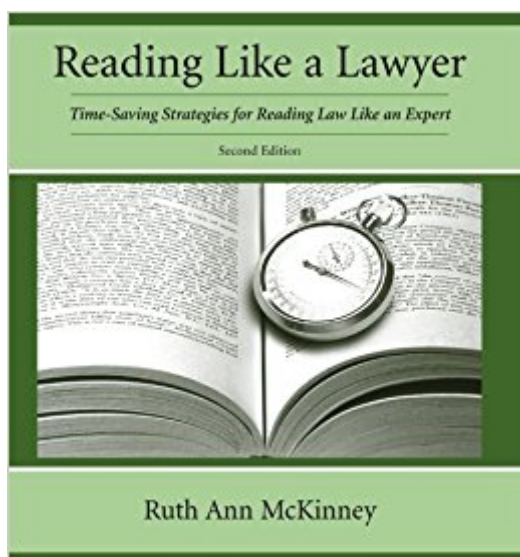


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# Reading Like A Lawyer: Time-Saving Strategies For Reading Law Like An Expert



## Synopsis

The ability to read law well is an indispensable skill that can make or break the academic career of any aspiring lawyer. Fortunately, the ability to read law well (quickly and accurately) is a skill that can be acquired through knowledge and practice. First published in 2005, *Reading Like a Lawyer* has become a staple on many law school reading lists for prospective and admitted students. The second edition includes the same critical reasoning and reading strategies, accompanied by hands-on practice exercises, that made the first edition such a success. It adds a valuable new chapter on a growing challenge for this generation of legal readers: how to read material that is presented on a screen with maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

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I found it very well written and helpful not just for reading better but also for the mentality behind reading as a lawyer. I have worked in a law firm administrative position for two years, and for the first time I feel like I understand my attorneys better. It has helped me understand where they come from when making the business decisions and communicate with them better.

Excellent tips on how to prep for law school reading.

This is the fourth book I have read in preparation for law school in the fall. Each had their strong points, but this one really got me thinking and, yes, reading like a lawyer. It is effective in the way it moves from basic colloquial reading into legal analysis and information retention. The book builds a bank of knowledge as it progresses very much like the study of law. I was somewhat nervous about the onset of law school, but this book has helped me build my confidence and, I think, has helped prepare me for what is to come. I find myself using the reading and retention techniques as I continued to read. My enthusiasm for the law and understanding of the process grew as I read this book. I strongly recommend.

I bought this book, because I wanted to attend law school. Well, a few months after purchasing it, it turned out I was accepted into a conditional law school program. This book was a requirement, so I did not have to buy the book for the class as I already had it. It also had great advice.

Exactly what I expected

I highly recommend this book. It has good information and it keeps the reader engaged in the material. The author is also very approachable.

The book was not terrible and gave some good examples for improving legal reading skills. Would not have bought the book if it was not required for a class.

I received a wonderful highlighted copy of the book with notes in all the right sections that makes me feel like I received a Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince copy, so no complaints here. However, getting a brand new copy and writing my own answers might have gotten me more engaged in the material, so keep that in mind when you consider purchasing a new copy versus getting a used one. As for the content of the book, it definitely has some great material. Getting it, reading through it and doing the exercises will not be a loss to you, especially if you have zero experience with reading cases. In the end, if you go to a decent law school, you will probably end up going through the material and figure out everything within the first week (or two), so it's not a huge loss if you don't get it. Still, considering that each day in law school is probably costing you one to two hundred dollars, if you are a go-getter and have some time before school starts, you should consider adding this to your pre-law studying/exploration.

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