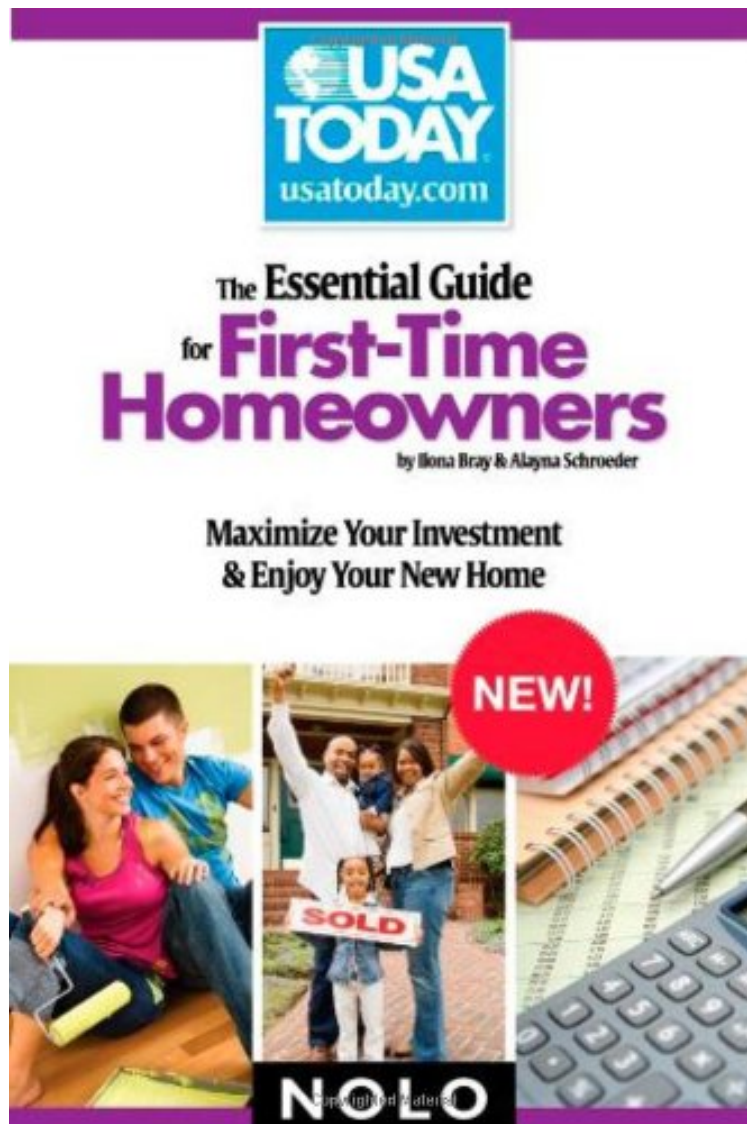


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My husband and I have been in the process of looking for our first house for over two years now. With a crazy economy and everyone from his parents to the cashier at the local Walmart offering advice this has been a really tough process. Just when we think we've found 'the ONE' something comes up to show us it's definitely not or while we stall around trying to be sure we've found it someone else snaps it up. I'll even admit that we might have found 'the one' but home-inspection related concerns caused me to get cold feet. So where do you turn when you have questions that aren't so much about the buying of the house but what happens next? If you're like me you probably don't want to deal with the opinions of in-laws, co-workers or the not-always-so-reliable internet. Because buying your first home is a very big commitment both financially and physically, my happening to find this book couldn't have come at a better time. All I had to do was look at the chapter list to find answers to the majority of my 'well-then-what?' questions. Everything from budgeting home improvements and how to manage your mortgage to how to making your home more green is covered. With little tips, warnings and graphs just like you'd find in USA Today this book was easy to follow, clear and most of all-- helpful! While it may take another two years of searching for the perfect house, I'm definitely feeling more confident about some of those scary questions I had nagging me. I can't say I consider this the definitive guide but I think it's a great choice for someone who is looking for basic (and some not-so-basic) information to prepare them for the next steps of home ownership. Kind of like a What to Expect When You're Buying Your First House guide. I would certainly recommend this to friends and will be looking at other Nolo Essential Guides in the future.  
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good basic coverage of lots of home ownership considerations.  
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Summary: Recommended with warm fuzzies. I am a homeowner, but not a new first-time homeowner, and I am not about to purchase another house anytime soon. While I found some of the information in this book fairly basic (and intentionally targeted towards first-time homeowners), there were various tidbits sprinkled throughout the book that were of use and interest to me. Having read several books from this publisher, I have found Nolo books to be highly variable in their level of content and detail. But this book makes for a good read for first-time homeowners in helping people to consider the plethora of whats/whys/hows involved in buying a house. While it is certainly not an all-encompassing reference book that covers everything in great detail, it certainly has nearly all of the bases covered, and provides for a great starting point to read as a primer, and helps you to think through the issues where you may need further investigation. As such, I would not call this book "The **\*\*Essential\*\*** Guide for First-Time Homeowners", but a more appropriate title would have been "The First-Time Homeowners Primer".

You bought your first home -- now what? Nearly 6.4 million homes were purchased in the U.S. last year -- and many of them are owned by young first-time buyers like you, who now find themselves wondering, "What's next?" And with the subprime crisis quickly becoming a general slide in the housing market, you're looking for guidance on how to stay on track financially. With Nolo's Essential Guide to Buying Your First Home, you'll get the crucial information that will make the difference between worrying about your home and enjoying every minute you spend there. Packed with tips and timely reminders, our latest USA TODAY book gives you the lowdown on: prioritizing purchases maintenance and repairs safety and security insurance neighbors and disputes taxes remodeling and working with contractors decorating and renovating on a budget mortgages and refinancing, and preparing your home for an eventual sale. This slim volume could potentially save you and your family thousands of dollars -- and perhaps even your home. Turn to this all-in-one resource for the tools and tips you need to keep home ownership simple and fun!