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BOOK REVIEW


Here is a book by William R. Ballard, a prominent New York City patent attorney, written in justification of our present patent system. The author has phrased his book in language that is readily understood by any layman, and forcefully brings out the nature and need for our present patent system.

The book brings out the criticism by the New Deal of the patent system and of the contracts drawn in connection with patents and justifies the existence of the patents, contracts, and restricted licenses.

The book proceeds to explode the notion that patents are suppressed to the detriment of the public or that patents could be obtained that would endanger public health and safety, or that patent pools are necessarily bad.

The author concludes his book by showing which people are leading the parade of patent reforms.

The book is well written and is recommended for those who do not have a thorough knowledge of our patent system, or are in doubt as to its present effectiveness, and to those who do not thoroughly believe in our present patent system.

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