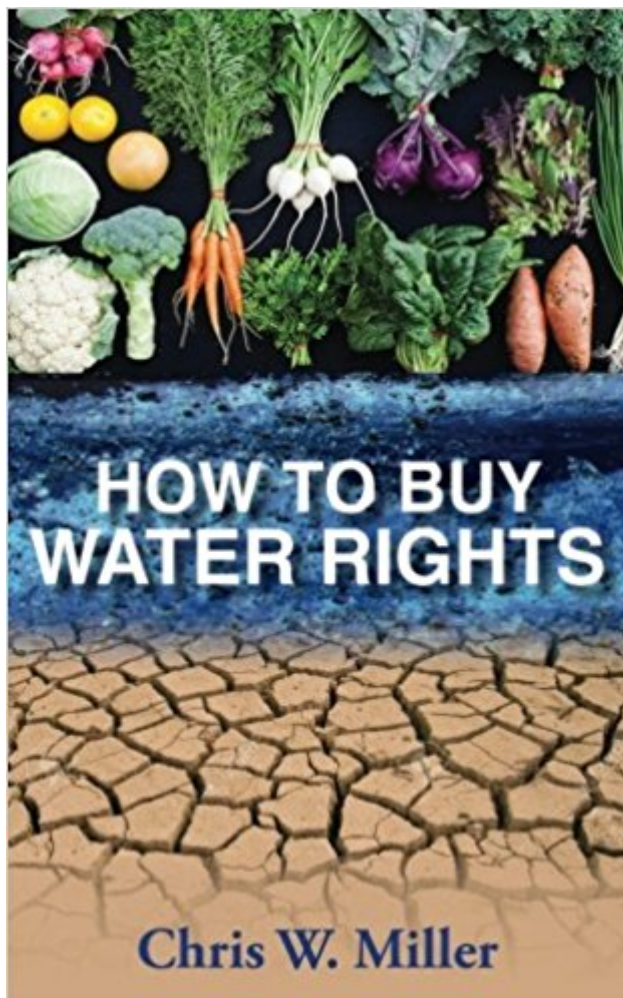




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How To Buy Water Rights



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Here is what you need to know about water rights, *before it's too late*. The price of water is going up. Aquifers are being depleted. Water tables are falling and wells are going dry, drought is in the news daily. How secure is your water supply? Do you know your water footprint? In this easy to read guide, Chris W. Miller walks you through everything you need to know about the world of water rights. He provides all the essential information for people who are interested in a more secure water future. Much of the information is timeless in terms of where your water rights are located. Water is our most basic requirement to stay alive. You can own the rights to control and put the water to your own beneficial use and for less than you might think. Water for your home, garden, animals, just as large farming and ranching operations own water rights. This guide will help you make good decisions, ask the right questions, and avoid some serious mistakes.

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Customer Reviews

In the late 70's I was working with land in New Mexico mostly south of Santa Fe along Hwy 14 "The Turquoise Trail" as it is known. An old well driller named Earl explained it to me this way, he said "Pay attention to this water because in your lifetime water will be worth more than gold". Honestly, at the time I did not think much about it. Today in some of these areas the water table has dropped, leaving people with no water supply. Some now haul water to their homes. If you want to buy land with water rights, this book will help you locate land and make good decisions. Most importantly it will help you avoid serious mistakes. Over the years my career has

taken me to numerous states and has covered nearly every aspect of real estate. Land has always been the area of the business that I loved and I have paid close attention. When you do something you love it no longer feels like work, it is true. In 2003 my family moved to Nevada and I began studying the land and water rights in the West. There are many parcels of land for sale and very few with water rights. The more I learned, the more I was reminded of Earl the well driller's words so many years ago. There have been many efforts to alert the public about our water issues yet the average person generally seems to feel helpless. They are at the mercy of the water faucet, turn it on and water always comes out. We take our water supply for granted, moving through life without even a thought of where our water comes from or how reliable it really is. In the process of working with land with water rights, helping people secure land with the water rights that will work for them where, when and in the correct amounts, I became aware of that fact that most people know very little about water rights. First, many people do not realize they can own the rights to put water to their own beneficial use. Often these rights can be purchased for much less than many people think. The book was written to explain concepts and ideas that apply to most regions. Where to find water rights. What are the various types of rights. When, where and how the water can be put to beneficial use. The book explains priority dates, place of use, allocated amount, time of use and more. Ideas to help locate water rights and how to evaluate water opportunities. I wrote the book to help you secure your water future. The issues of increased demand, over allocation, aquifer depletion, and drought will be around the rest of your life. How well you choose to understand these issues and more importantly what you do for yourself are up to you. If you are interested in having more control in your life and control over your water supply, "How to Buy Water Rights" is your guide.

Chris W. Miller has nearly 40 years of experience in the real estate industry. He specialized in land with water rights. Often working as a consultant in the location and evaluation of water rights. He is considered an expert in his field, with a network of land brokers to help you secure your water future.

I am a licensed real estate appraiser in Nevada and this book has become my new desk reference! After reading it 3 times and still find nuggets of new water rights understanding. This is highly recommended reading for not only to individuals seeking water independence and sustainability but also to professionals dealing with private land transactions.

The book does not teach you how to buy water rights but only the importance of it, which we already know is important. I was disappointed in the lack of information and shortness of the book. Waste of money in my opinion.

Interestingly enough, like a reviewer before me, I also saw the movie "The Big Short" and became interested in reading more into what one of the leading minds in the stock market world is investing in: water. Being from Arkansas, I never saw the immediate effects that not having enough water can have on individuals and the economy. I grew up with what seemed to be unlimited water and never saw anything on the local news about the scarcity of such a valuable resource. However, upon traveling throughout the southwestern states, it became obvious how much of a valuable resource it is here; but not only here, the entire world. Chris does a great job of going into detail about how water rights affect individual property owners in this area, giving details about how certain circumstances can lead to you buying a home or land and then not having water. He would know, he's worked for 40 years with thousands of people throughout their process of purchasing property in this area and is well versed in the water rights that go along with purchasing property in the desert biomes throughout the western states. I would consider this a very practical guide to those interested in purchasing land west of the 100th Meridian. Chris does a really good job of explaining what is needed prior to purchasing land and obtaining water rights in the western states. He even includes a valuable checklist you can follow if you're entertaining the idea of purchasing land with water rights. This is also a great resource if you're interested in learning more about the scarcity of water in the western states. For that purpose, I learned a lot about my original interest, why one would invest in water in the first place. This is a quick read and you can finish it in about an hour. If you're interested in learning more about water scarcity, how water is divided between owners, water tables, irrigation, and ultimately, purchasing property with water rights, this is a definite guide and one I would highly recommend from an obvious expert in the field.

Well all know water is both important and finite. But few people understand how water rights actually work, or how to determine whether the right they think they own is worth anything. No one resource will tell you everything you need to know, but this book will tell you where to start looking.

This book makes sense of the complicated but urgent world of water rights. Chris Miller is clearly a leading expert in the field. I saw the movie "The Big Short," about the economic collapse of 2008. I was interested to see that the man who first identified the problems with the mortgage bonds (and

made \$2.6 billion from his acuity) now only invests in one thing -- water. What does that tell you?

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