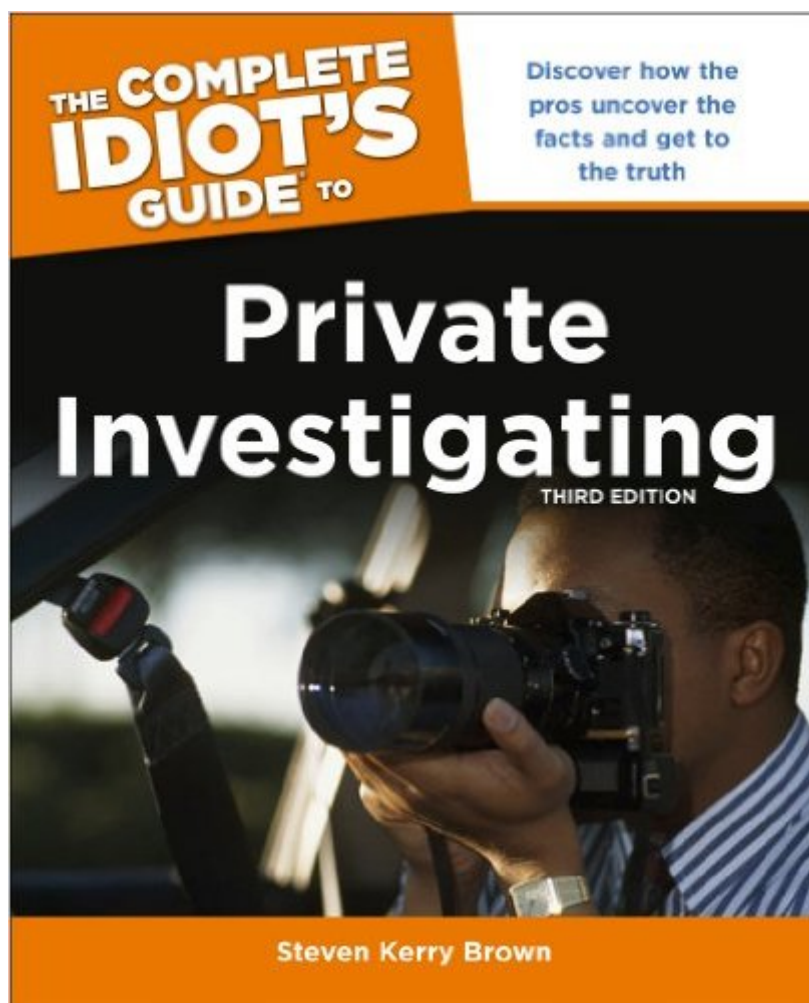


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# The Complete Idiot's Guide To Private Investigating, Third Edition (Idiot's Guides)



## Synopsis

The mystique of private investigating draws significant numbers of people to consider it as a career or side business. At the same time, individuals want to learn investigative techniques to solve their own personal and legal problems. In *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Private Investigating, Third Edition*, private investigator and former FBI agent Steven Kerry Brown shares his hard-won expertise on everything you need to know to track down people and information, including: Tapping phones and recording conversations. Interviewing and interrogating to get important information. Tricky but legal ways to get needed evidence like the pros. Performing onsite, online, and mobile surveillance without being detected. Skip tracing to find lost loves or people who owe money. Investigating backgrounds of potential employees or spouses. Searching public records online and at the courthouse. Catching a cheating spouse and gathering evidence for divorce cases. Finding runaway teenagers. Doing diligent searches connected with adoptions and estates. Tracking down burglars, thieves, pickpockets, and purse snatchers. Advanced techniques and business advice for those interested in starting their own investigative or background screening agency. Along the way, Brown shares fascinating stories from his cases that highlight his clever methods for tracking down evidence and helping his clients find out what they need to know.

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WOW! This is an excellent book! Actually, it is far more comprehensive than the state mandated 40

hour private investigator course that I recently took in order to get my state PI license. Explanations are clear, interesting, and easy to read. If you learn everything in the book, I believe that you will be well on your way to becoming an excellent investigator.

I just retired from 27 years with the FBI and am opening a PI business. The author is a former FBI Agent and I connected immediately. In other words, the material was easy to read, very understandable. He uses multiple examples in the book to illustrate his points. Other books I've read have had relevant information, but none of them have presented their material as clearly as this one. The author gives boo koo amounts of web sites to support your business, as well. After reading this book, I felt I had better understanding of what it takes to be a good PI. If you are considering going into the business of PI work, this is a must for your book shelf!

As a writer of detective novels, I need to make my stories realistic. This book is accurate, well-written, easy to understand, and full of real-world information about how private investigators work. The author's FBI experience as well as private experience come through on every page.

As a private investigator myself I highly recommend this primer to the private eye field. Whether your thinking about entering the field, or an experienced PI, there is lots of good stuff packed into this book. Perhaps your just someone with a problem and need to do some investigating on your own, this book is also for you. It's worth it!

This book is well-written, thorough and very informative, but avoids being dry because of the author's tone and the colorful real-life examples. I am not a PI, nor do I continue to entertain the mythical romantic notions of what a private detective does (thanks also to this book!); none the less, I read the entire book, including the appendices, because it was just that interesting and easy to get through. I also appreciate that I can refer back to this book if necessary to handle any situations that may arise in my life - it is a great resource.

You know from the beginning that it is not another simply private investigation book, with compilations from another books. This book represent the expertise from the author, and give another dimension to the private investigation career. This book it is a must have for serious investigators.

So far this is very informative and helpful. I am not even halfway through so I will edit this review later if anything changes. I am trying to obtain my license and needed some information and a better understanding of the business. Many of the tools used online seem to cost a lot of money. Best to have a good customer base to justify the pricing first.

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