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in a different ideology or methodological paradigm. This book delineates the different economic approaches and analyzes their tenets. It maps the fundamental concepts and the theoretical foundation of current economic analysis of intellectual property law, in order to fully understand the ramifications of using economic analysis of law in policy making and to appreciate the current frameworks' limitations in confronting the challenges of the information revolution. The book addresses the fundamental adjustments in the methodology and underlying assumptions that must be employed in order for the economic approach to remain a useful analytic framework for addressing IPR in the information age."

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