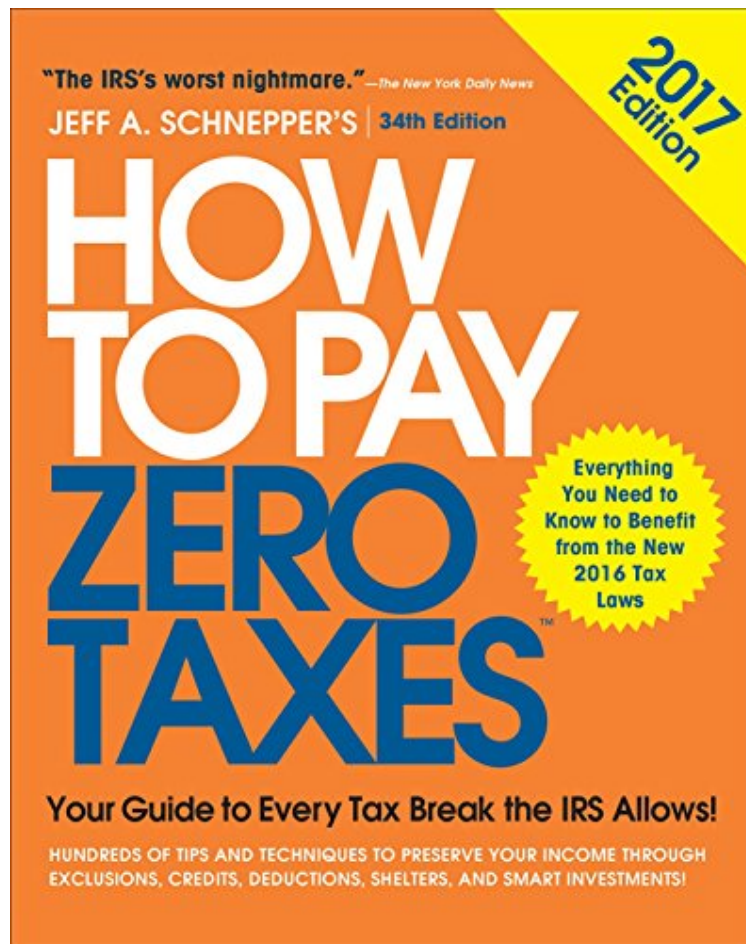


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after reading the section relevant to your own situation, you'll likely find a few tax deductions that you hadn't known before. Frankly, for \$12 ( price) this is a good value -- and it is more accurate than most professional tax preparers out there. I use the book together with the free TaxAct online software to prepare my 2006 return. The book starts off with an introduction to how Federal individual taxation works and moves on to specific tax topics organized by the structure of the 1040 form: gross income, above-the-line deductions, adjusted gross income, below-the-line deductions. Then tax shelters and planning are discussed. The final chapters, occupying nearly half of the total pages, are devoted to detailing tax "reforms" from 1993 onward as well as how to avoid and survive an IRS audit. The 775 pages of main text are packed with useful information. For individual taxpayers, regardless of whether you work as an employee or as a contractor or whether you have your own business, this book can help you improve your tax strategies. However, there are several issues with the book: 1) This book (2007 edition, for the 2006 tax year) is now in its 24th edition, so a lot of places look like it was really written over several years. In one paragraph it would say "as of 2002 there has been no change..." and then in the next paragraph it would say "in 2004 we are finally seeing...". Finally, a third paragraph reads "as this goes to press, we heard that ..." You get the point. 2) The author tries to inject some dry sense of humor but for the most part his jokes are not funny. And the book really needs some good editing as sentences often do not flow logically from one to the next. 3) The author spends a lot of ink criticizing the IRS (and Congress) for the "disgraceful" U.S. tax code. He repeats the same lines too many times in the book, and recites a lot of IRS statistics and expert quotes that grow old and tiresome quickly. The auditing chapter is in particular painful to read, as it buries the how-to tips deep inside mountains of charges against IRS abuses (many examples of which occurred 20 years ago) and loads of useless statistics.

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