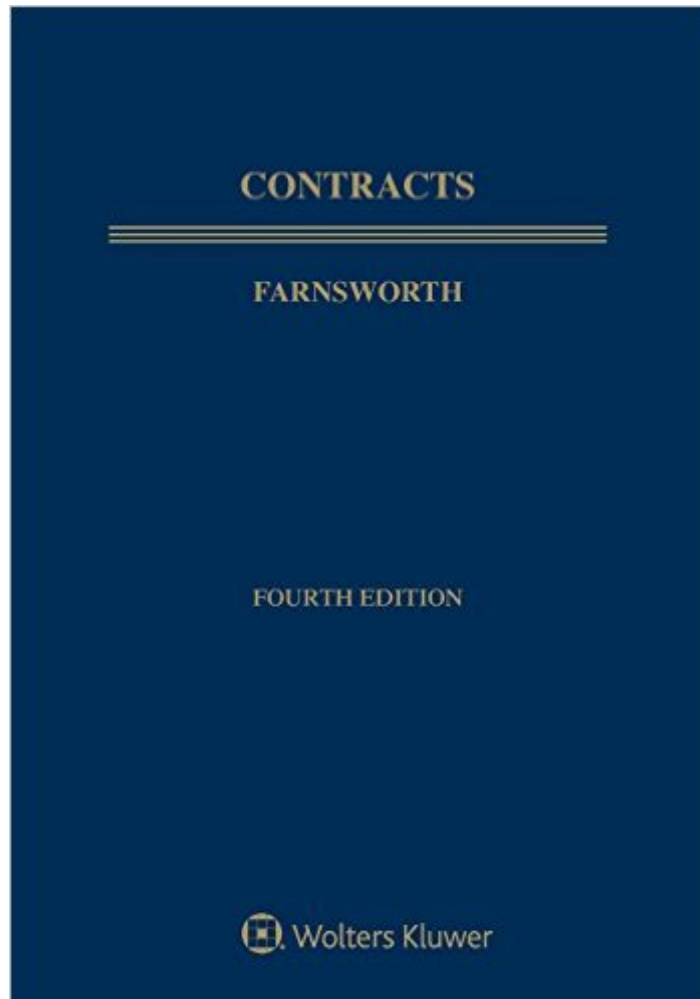


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E. Allan Farnsworth was a reporter for the Restatement (Second) of Contracts, and until the American Law Institute publishes a Concise Restatement of Contracts, this book is about as close as we're going to get. This volume is a one-volume condensation, for student use, of Farnsworth's

three-volume treatise on contract law, and it's worth every penny it costs. It may, however, be a bit daunting for a One-L looking for a text to supplement the casebook, so you might consider using Calamari as your main hornbook. But my personal recommendation is that you buy both if you can; where Calamari is brief, Farnsworth elaborates a great deal and provides plenty of dense, helpful detail. I myself used Calamari for basic principles and Farnsworth for further discussion. Farnsworth is also the author of Changing Your Mind: The Law of Regretted Decisions. Check that one out too.

Excellent book, explanations are clear, text is organized and covers all relevant details what you need to know to succeed on the finals. I did not buy this book during the first term, unfortunately, but bought during the second term. It literally saved me from getting "C" and lower. Highly recommend for every law student.

This is a really great COntacts Hornbook - Farnsworth lays out headnotes/topic sentences in the margins which narrate the particular paragraph/sub-issue you are reading - which assists one in building their outline - IE use the headnotes as one-line topic summary. HOWEVER< I ratd this a "4" because Farnsworth has dropped several of the older classic contract cases for newer - more current cases - therefore - to be REALLY complete - I would get the older edition Farnsworth Contracts as well ( so you are covered with all the casebook cases ) - they can be had for \$5.00 - \$10.00 just about anywhere. I had mine listed on , but have withdrawn it because of this little issue - I use them both - the differences are pretty minor as far as the theory. Actually, the earlier editions is a lighter read - the footnote info of the later edition - are paragraphs in the earlier editions..

I bought this book based on the reviews and before I even received it in the mail, I contemplated sending it back to because I already had the Legalines and the Emanuel supplements for the Farnsworth text (I am a supplement/hornbook fiend). I really didn't think I could use much more help than I already had. The Legalines is good if at times you have trouble trying to figure out what exactly is going on in the cases. It's a good fall-back--I would not completely rely on this book, however. The Emanuel is excellent; like all the others, it gives you definitions and explains concepts clearly. The practice questions at the end of each section are very helpful, to make sure you are on the right track and are able to apply the concepts (the most important thing!). However, as soon as I opened up this treatise, I was in love. If you are going to get any supplement for the Farnsworth text, this is THE ONE. He explains everything clearly and concisely--in plain words, so its easy to

comprehend. If you don't understand the underlying concepts in the text even after your professor makes attempts at penetrating your brain, open up this book and the light will go on. If I could only keep one of my contracts supplements, this would be it, hands down. It is a little pricey, but go for it anyway. I'm totally keeping this for the bar exam.

If you are interested in learning contract law than this is the book for you. The concepts are clearly illustrated and presented in a well organized fashion. The author is the preeminent legal scholar in Contracts today and is an excellent teacher.

This treatise was recommended to me by my 1L contracts professor. I was about a month into the class and had no idea what was going on. This book literally saved me from doing terribly in the class and I ended up doing quite well on the exam. Hornbooks, supplements, and treatises are meant to be used in conjunction with the exam book and in my opinion, serve most effectively as a primer for the casebook. Read the relevant section in Farnsworth before you read the case book and you will have a big picture view before delving into the often convoluted and dense casebook. This treatise also kept me immensely engaged in class and often allowed what my professor taught us to be tacked onto the solid foundation Farnsworth provided in the relevant treatise chapter. This treatise is a must have even though many professors don't recommend them. I believe this is because they want you to struggle through the material without outside help and don't want your learning to be skewed by outside material. I believe for many students--including professors when they were in school--this is the right way to go. But with certain types of learners, such as myself, a textual treatment both broad yet detailed was exactly what I needed to prime myself for the required material. Read this book diligently, take notes, and do the reading in class and I have faith you will beat the curve in your class.

Amazing treatise, really breaks down contracts law well. This is actually my second time purchasing the book--I loaned it to a friend who lost it. It is an absolute must for my personal reference library so I had to get another copy.

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