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Michele Boldrin, David K. Levine : Against Intellectual Monopoly before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Against Intellectual Monopoly:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A very compelling argument against intellectual property as we know it. By Patrick Julius I found it a bit odd that this book opposed to all copyright and patent is in fact copyrighted, but I felt better once I learned that they've also released the full text online with a free license. Though economically sophisticated, the book is never dry or overly technical; it simply lays out the case against intellectual property (or as they insist it should be called, "intellectual monopoly") in vivid detail. By the end of the book I found myself

completely convinced that patents must go, but still ambivalent about copyrights---which I guess seems appropriate, given that the book itself is copyrighted. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Persuasive Arguments Poorly Presented By Bill A. Against Intellectual Monopoly contains some absolute gems of insight and analysis, and altogether makes some very persuasive arguments against copyright and patent protections. The problem is that these gems are buried randomly among its 300-plus pages. The book reads more like the world's longest abstract. The table of contents may very well have been an afterthought. General impressions are haphazardly mixed with studied opinions and facts. This lack of consistency and rigor--both literary and logical--detracts from the overall punch. I, for one, am thoroughly convinced. But I'm an easy sell. Unfortunately this book is unlikely to convert intellectual property proponents or fence sitters. It's something of a missed opportunity, though I certainly appreciate and commend the authors' efforts at writing for a lay audience. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is a very interesting read. The points made ... By john gjaltema This is a very interesting read. The points made against intellectual property are very strong. The Author is very persuasive, and even after reading the book I agree one hundred percent with the author, but if I was to patent a lucrative project I believe I would want a monopoly. Only government can put an end to intellectual monopoly, and leave everyone with an open playing field. I certainly hope government stops monopoly because freedom of information, and human advancement will move at a very quick rate.

'Intellectual property' - patents and copyrights - have become controversial. We witness teenagers being sued for 'pirating' music - and we observe AIDS patients in Africa dying due to lack of ability to pay for drugs that are high priced to satisfy patent holders. Are patents and copyrights essential to thriving creation and innovation - do we need them so that we all may enjoy fine music and good health? Across time and space the resounding answer is: No. So-called intellectual property is in fact an 'intellectual monopoly' that hinders rather than helps the competitive free market regime that has delivered wealth and innovation to our doorsteps. This book has broad coverage of both copyrights and patents and is designed for a general audience, focusing on simple examples. The authors conclude that the only sensible policy to follow is to eliminate the patents and copyright systems as they currently exist.