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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lots of information - few learning toolsBy James G.

Warden"Communication and the Law" is a good text for undergraduate journalism students studying media law but offers very little in the way of checking ones understanding of the material.The layout of the book works well. Information is easy to find and the text is ordered logically and systematically.The writing is clear, albeit dense. There is a lot of information packed into the book. There are "Headnote Questions" at the beginning of the chapter to guide the student. But to really get the most out of it, students really need a professor to walk them through it and discuss the issues involved. Otherwise, the information can be intimidating and not quite as relevant. State and local cases are a particularly good supplement for USSC cases mentioned.My biggest complaint, though, is that there is absolutely no way for students to check how much they are getting out of the textbook. There are no end of chapter comprehension questions or even lists of key concepts or cases. True, a good student can do this on their own and professors can use handouts. But when most textbooks offer online content with tests, quizzes, supplemental material and other links something else should have been included.For easy access to information and maybe as a quick reference, "Communication and the Law" is a great text. But it isn't a textbook in the sense that most other books are today. The whole package isn't there and professors - and all too often students - are forced to pick up the rest of the slack. Textbook prices are high enough students should demand a little more.

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