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## BOOK NOTES

*The Community Property Law of Idaho* (with comparisons of the law of other states), by W. J. Brockelbank.\* Published by the Idaho State Bar Association and the Idaho State Bar Foundation, Inc. 1962. Pp. xvi, 497.

Community property is a matter of special Louisiana interest so that a rarely published book on the subject, written in English, should be noted. It can be consulted with profit as well as pleasure. As Professor Elmer M. Million points out in the Preface, "One cannot truly know his own law if he knows only his own law."

The author combines a background of both common law and civil law; after his law study in the United States he became a barrister in England, and he earned a doctorate in law in Paris where he also practiced. In concentrating on the community property law of one state, Idaho, the author has been able to develop a comprehensive and intensive coverage of the subject — with comparative treatment as he goes along.

The introductory chapter has some historical information about the community property systems in the eight American states (Louisiana, Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Idaho), and the footnote citations contain references to more detailed sources.

The other chapters are described by their titles: Conditions of Existence of a Community, What is Community Property?, Liabilities of the Community, Community Property and Conflict of Laws, Management and Control, Liquidation of the Community Property Litigation, Community Property and Taxation.

At the end of each of the first two chapters, there is an extensive bibliography of books and periodical literature, and throughout the work the footnote documentation is very ample. Together with a Table of Cases, and a detailed Index, there are all the facilities to make this a very useful book. It is recommended to the attention of the Louisiana legal profession.

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