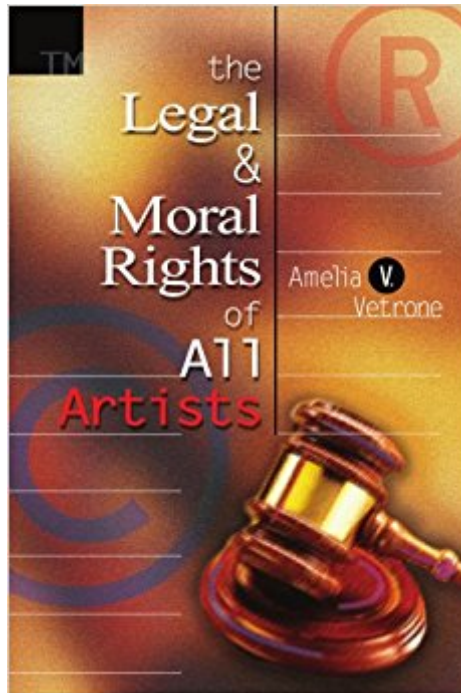




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It may be said that the beauty of art comes from the struggle that is involved in creating it: struggle to hear the voice, struggle to understand the voice, struggle to express or articulate the voice, struggle to let others hear the voice, and struggle to protect what has been expressed. This book is about the last struggle-to legally protect what has been expressed by appreciating the struggle that has come before. The Legal and Moral Rights of All Artists is a clear, jargon-free explanation of the crucial concepts every artist needs to know, such as copyright, trademark, work-for-hire and other contract issues, as well as the all-important doctrine of moral rights. Drawing on the historical perspective of the artist as the core element of any created work, this book explains the protection available to artists, not only for their works but also for their vision, integrity, and reputation. Filled with anecdotes and practical advice, this book will be an important resource for everyone involved in the creative process.

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Even though in the United States artists have never gotten a fair deal from patrons, movie companies and record companies, over the past decade, the situation for artists of all stripes has grown increasingly grave. The appearance of sites such as Napster and Kazaa openly encourage the theft of intellectual properties in the form of free digital files sharing. Though proponents of illegal music downloading may hail this development as striking a blow for the common person and lashing back against the scandalous pricing strategies of record companies, et al, it is in fact just another way of ripping off artists. Piracy under any guise is a slap in the face of starving artists everywhere --

and a huge blow against the important concept of intellectual property. Artist rights attorney Amelia V. Vetrone has managed to create a brilliant short book that somehow manages to provide a sweeping overview of the issues involved as well as providing specific anecdotes of how artists have been victimized and how they will eventually be compensated fairly. While most books that approach this subject matter may be dry and hard to read, Vetrone's *The Legal and Moral Rights of All Artists* is very easy to read and of so much value to any creative person that it should be a mandated text in all communications, arts and legal courses. It is simply the "Old Tom's Cabin" of this generation. It points to the virtual "slavery" and mistreatment artists have received in the past and provides hope for the future when the media entertainment companies -- tired of the growing number of scofflaws pirating their music and films -- will enforce all provisions of the Berne Treaty (that the U.S.

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