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Providing a basic introduction to international legal research for the nonspecialist, Hoffman and Berringâ ™s International Legal Research in a Nutshell offers guidance through the unfamiliar pathways of research using international legal materials and demystifies the world of treaties. Because it is aimed at the nonspecialist, the text provides straightforward background information on the United Nations and the European Union and includes guidance using the documents and legal materials of these institutions. It includes extensive links to the rich world of Web resources, but it also describes paper research tools that remain important in this field.

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The best thing about the In a Nutshell series is that it is easy to use and International Legal Research in a Nutshell is no exception. International Legal Research is a great tool for students who do not have experience researching international law and professionals who are researching international law for the first time. It is also a tremendous resource for those that have some expertise in the field of international law (public, private, comparative, foreign, transnational, and supranational law). One of the first things to know about legal research is that there are many acronyms and this book gives a short list of the acronyms and their meanings. International Legal Research also gives a comprehensive list of websites that are helpful in international research.

Each chapter have an introduction to a specific area of international law and then moves into the different substantive topics under the subheading, giving the reader a better idea of where to start research in a given subsection of the field. The list of websites was the most helpful, because there is only so much you can learn from a book. International Legal Research gives the tools to begin the research and some basics in navigating treaties and cases, but going to the websites the book recommends was very useful. The book explains what each website is about and how to access documents like the United Nations Charter from the United Nations website. Once on the United Nations website, there are several committees and the book goes on to explain the role of many of the major committees and gives the websites for each. International legal Research is very good for students looking for topics for law review and law journal articles because of the information about each website it gives.

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