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What is its copyright status?

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Use under Fair Use

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- It's for noncommercial, educational purposes
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Use (reasonably)

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Fair Use - The Four Factors

Four Factors

1. Purpose and character of the use

Commercial



- Education & research
- Criticism and commentary
- News reporting
- Transformative use
- Non-commercial

2. Nature of copyright works (fact vs. imagination)

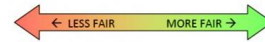
- Unpublished
- Imaginative
- Unique



- Published
- Factual
- Informational
- Non-fiction

3. Amount and substantiality of the source

- Large portion
- Borrowing from the heart of the work



- Small portion
- Borrowing from peripheral, non-essential portion

4. Effect on the potential market

Harm to publisher sales and profit



No effect on publisher sales and profit

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