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Random House

In this witty, incisive guide to critical thinking the author provides you with the tools to allow you to question beliefs and assumptions held by those who claim to know what they're talking

about. These days there are many people whom we need to question: politicians, lawyers, doctors, teachers, clergy members, bankers, car salesmen, and your boss. This book will empower you with the ability to spot faulty reasoning and, by asking the right sorts of questions, hold people accountable not only for what they believe but how they behave. By using this book you'll learn to analyze your own thoughts, ideas, and beliefs, and why you act on

them (or don't). This, in turn, will help you to understand why others might hold opposing views. And the best way to change our own or others' behavior or attitudes is to gain greater clarity about underlying motives and thought processes. In a media-driven world of talking heads, gurus, urban legends, and hype, learning to think more clearly and critically, and helping others to do the same, is one of the most important things you can do.

#### *Fallacies and Argument Appraisal*

*Informal Logical Fallacies A Brief Guide*  
Being Right is a beginner's guide to logical fallacies and deductive reasoning. Published in March 2019, this book offers a complete description of the informal logical fallacies we hear every day in conversation. With over 300 memorable

examples, Being Right explains why most people talk nonsense most of the time. Being Right is invaluable for students studying for a Critical Thinking qualification. It explains in simple language what the different logical fallacies are and describes how and why they crop up. The book covers the old favourites such as Strawman and Ad Hominem; explains fallacies observed and described over the last fifty years; and brings us up to date with a brand new fallacy for these troubled times: Self-Censorship in the Face of Schooled Offence. Being Right also analyses deductive reasoning and its formal fallacies. Categorical syllogisms are dissected and explained in detail. The 24 possible valid models are grouped in a 1-page crib sheet. For students or would-

be employees facing recruitment selection tests involving deductive reasoning, it's a handy aide-memoire. The book also describes and explains disjunctive and hypothetical syllogisms, and explains their formal fallacies simply but thoroughly. Most of all, it's a good, conversational read, with lively examples and witty explanations. Being Right doesn't set out to be a scholarly work but, because it's easy to follow, it ends up being an effective tutor.

Attacking Faulty Reasoning University of Windsor

This book, written by a leading expert, and based on the latest research, shows how to apply methods of argumentation to a range of examples.

*Mastering Logical Fallacies* Springer  
Help your students hone their critical

thinking and refine their rational and argumentative discussion skills with the seventh edition of Damer's **ATTACKING FAULTY REASONING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO FALLACY-FREE ARGUMENTS**. This theoretically sound handbook addresses more than 60 common fallacies with the help of over 200 memorable, timely examples. Students learn to construct, deliver, and logically evaluate arguments with more than 350 proven exercises and practice opportunities. However, **ATTACKING FAULTY REASONING** goes beyond most critical thinking books, providing students with not just a definition and examples for each fallacy, but also hints and tips on how to attack (or respond) when faced with a fallacious argument of each type. This unique feature along

with the book's brevity making it an ideal resource on its own or as a complement to another critical thinking or introduction to philosophy texts.

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*Thinking Thoughtfully* Lexington Books  
An essential tool for our post-truth world: a witty primer on logic—and the dangers of illogical thinking—by a renowned Notre Dame professor Logic is synonymous with reason, judgment, sense, wisdom, and sanity. Being logical is the ability to create concise and reasoned arguments—arguments that build from given premises, using evidence, to a genuine conclusion. But mastering logical thinking also requires

studying and understanding illogical thinking, both to sharpen one's own skills and to protect against incoherent, or deliberately misleading, reasoning. Elegant, pithy, and precise, *Being Logical* breaks logic down to its essentials through clear analysis, accessible examples, and focused insights. D. Q. McInerney covers the sources of illogical thinking, from naïve optimism to narrow-mindedness, before dissecting the various tactics—red herrings, diversions, and simplistic reasoning—the illogical use in place of effective reasoning. An indispensable guide to using logic to advantage in everyday life, this is a concise, crisply readable book. Written explicitly for the layperson, McInerney's *Being Logical* promises to take its place beside Strunk and White's *The Elements*

of Style as a classic of lucid, invaluable advice. Praise for Being Logical “Highly readable . . . D. Q. McInerney offers an introduction to symbolic logic in plain English, so you can finally be clear on what is deductive reasoning and what is inductive. And you’ll see how deductive arguments are constructed.”—Detroit Free Press “McInerney’s explanatory outline of sound thinking will be eminently beneficial to expository writers, debaters, and public speakers.”—Booklist “Given the shortage of logical thinking, And the fact that mankind is adrift, if not sinking, It is vital that all of us learn to think straight. And this small book by D.Q. McInerney is great. It follows therefore since we so badly need it, Everybody should not only but it, but read it.” —Charles Osgood

The Rise of Informal Logic Cambridge University Press

Featuring an exceptionally clear writing style and a wealth of real-world examples and exercises, Logic, Second Edition, shows how logic relates to everyday life, demonstrating its applications in such areas as the workplace, media and entertainment, politics, science and technology, student life, and elsewhere. Thoroughly revised and expanded in this second edition, the text now features 2600 exercises, more than 1000 of them new; three new chapters on legal arguments, moral arguments, and analyzing a long essay; enhanced pedagogy; and much more. *Red Herrings, Straw Men and Sacred Cows: How We Abuse Logic in Our Everyday Language* Hackett Publishing

A concise, easy-to-read introduction to informal logic, "With Good Reason" offers both comprehensive coverage of informal fallacies and an abundance of engaging examples of both well-conceived and faulty arguments. A long-time favorite of both students and instructors, the text continues in its sixth edition to provide an abundance of exercises that help students identify, correct, and avoid common errors in argumentation.

A Guide to Good Thinking John Wiley & Sons

The basic question of this monograph is: how should we go about judging arguments to be reasonable or unreasonable? Our concern will be with argument in a broad sense, with realistic arguments in natural language. The

basic object will be to engage in a normative study of determining what factors, standards, or procedures should be adopted or appealed to in evaluating an argument as □good, □not-so-good, □open to criticism, □fallacious, □and so forth. Hence our primary concern will be with the problems of how to criticize an argument, and when a criticism is reasonably justified.

**Logical Fallacies** John Wiley & Sons  
We are pleased to release this digital edition of Ralph Johnson's *The Rise of Informal Logic* as Volume 2 in the series *Windsor Studies in Argumentation*. This edition is a reprint of the previous Vale Press edition with some minor corrections. We have decided to make this the second volume in the series because it is such a compelling account



of the formation of informal logic as a discipline, written by one of the founders of the field. The book includes essential chapters on the history and development of informal logic. Other chapters are key reflections on the theoretical issues raised by the attempt to understand informal argument. Many of the papers were previously published in important journals. A number of them were co-authored with J. Anthony Blair. Three of them have appeared only in the present book.

### **A Rulebook for Arguments**

HarperCollins UK

Fallacies and Argument Appraisal presents an introduction to the nature, identification, and causes of fallacious reasoning, along with key questions for evaluation. Drawing from the latest work

on fallacies as well as some of the standard ideas that have remained relevant since Aristotle, Christopher Tindale investigates central cases of major fallacies in order to understand what has gone wrong and how this has occurred. Dispensing with the approach that simply assigns labels and brief descriptions of fallacies, Tindale provides fuller treatments that recognize the dialectical and rhetorical contexts in which fallacies arise. This volume analyzes major fallacies through accessible, everyday examples. Critical questions are developed for each fallacy to help the student identify them and provide considered evaluations.

The Little Logic Book Prometheus Books

This book is a crash course in effective reasoning, meant to catapult you into a

world where you start to see things how they really are, not how you think they are. The focus of this book is on logical fallacies, which loosely defined, are simply errors in reasoning. With the reading of each page, you can make significant improvements in the way you reason and make decisions. Logically Fallacious is one of the most comprehensive collections of logical fallacies with all original examples and easy to understand descriptions, perfect for educators, debaters, or anyone who wants to improve his or her reasoning skills. "Expose an irrational belief, keep a person rational for a day. Expose irrational thinking, keep a person rational for a lifetime." - Bo Bennett This 2021 Edition includes dozens of more logical fallacies with many updated

examples.

[The Critical Thinking Toolkit eBookIt.com](http://TheCriticalThinkingToolkit.com)  
 The Fallacy Detective has been the best selling text for teaching logical fallacies and introduction to logic for over 15 years. "Can learning logic be fun? With The Fallacy Detective it appears that it can be. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to anyone who wants to improve his reasoning skills."-- Tim Challies, curriculum reviewer  
 "Cartoon and comic illustrations, humorous examples, and a very reader-friendly writing style make this the sort of course students will enjoy."--Cathy Duffy, homeschool curriculum reviewer  
 "I really like The Fallacy Detective because it has funny cartoons, silly stories, and teaches you a lot!"--11 Year Old  
 What is a fallacy? A fallacy is an

error in logic a place where someone has made a mistake in his thinking. This is a handy book for learning to spot common errors in reasoning. - For ages twelve through adult. - Fun to use -- learn skills you can use right away. - Peanuts, Dilbert, and Calvin and Hobbes cartoons. - Includes The Fallacy Detective Game. - Exercises with answer key.

Wittgenstein and Wide Fields of Thought  
Cengage Learning

“This short book makes you smarter than 99% of the population. . . . The concepts within it will increase your company's ‘organizational intelligence.’ . . . It’s more than just a must-read, it’s a ‘have-to-read-or-you’re-fired’ book”—Geoffrey James, INC.com From the author of the forthcoming An Illustrated Book of Loaded Language,

here’s the antidote to fuzzy thinking, with furry animals! Have you read (or stumbled into) one too many irrational online debates? Ali Almossawi certainly had, so he wrote An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments! This handy guide is here to bring the internet age a much-needed dose of old-school logic (really old-school, a la Aristotle). Here are cogent explanations of the straw man fallacy, the slippery slope argument, the ad hominem attack, and other common attempts at reasoning that actually fall short—plus a beautifully drawn menagerie of animals who (adorably) commit every logical faux pas. Rabbit thinks a strange light in the sky must be a UFO because no one can prove otherwise (the appeal to ignorance). And Lion doesn’t believe that gas emissions

harm the planet because, if that were true, he wouldn't like the result (the argument from consequences). Once you learn to recognize these abuses of reason, they start to crop up everywhere from congressional debate to YouTube comments—which makes this geek-chic book a must for anyone in the habit of holding opinions.

*An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments*

University Press of America

Can you tell when you're being deceived? This classic work on critical thinking — now fully updated and revised — uses a novel approach to teach the basics of informal logic. On the assumption that "it takes one to know one," the authors have written the book from the point of view of someone who wishes to deceive, mislead, or

manipulate others. Having mastered the art of deception, readers will then be able to detect the misuse or abuse of logic when they encounter it in others — whether in a heated political debate or while trying to evaluate the claims of a persuasive sales person. Using a host of real-world examples, the authors show you how to win an argument, defend a case, recognize a fallacy, see through deception, persuade a skeptic, and turn defeat into victory. Not only do they discuss the fundamentals of logic (premises, conclusions, syllogisms, common fallacies, etc.), but they also consider important related issues often encountered in face-to-face debates, such as gaining a sympathetic audience, responding to audience reaction, using nonverbal devices, clearly presenting

the facts, refutation, and driving home a concluding argument. Whether you're preparing for law school or you just want to become more adept at making your points and analyzing others' arguments, *The Art of Deception* will give you the intellectual tools to become a more effective thinker and speaker. Helpful exercises and discussion questions are also included.

*Introduction to Logic (Teacher Guide)*

Cambridge University Press

A timely and accessible guide to 100 of the most infamous logical fallacies in Western philosophy, helping readers avoid and detect false assumptions and faulty reasoning. You'll love this book or you'll hate it. So, you're either with us or against us. And if you're against us then you hate books. No true intellectual

would hate this book. Ever decide to avoid a restaurant because of one bad meal? Choose a product because a celebrity endorsed it? Or ignore what a politician says because she's not a member of your party? For as long as people have been discussing, conversing, persuading, advocating, proselytizing, pontificating, or otherwise stating their case, their arguments have been vulnerable to false assumptions and faulty reasoning. Drawing upon a long history of logical falsehoods and philosophical flubs, *Bad Arguments* demonstrates how misguided arguments come to be, and what we can do to detect them in the rhetoric of others and avoid using them ourselves.

Fallacies—or conclusions that don't follow from their premise—are at the

root of most bad arguments, but it can be easy to stumble into a fallacy without realizing it. In this clear and concise guide to good arguments gone bad, Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce take readers through 100 of the most infamous fallacies in Western philosophy, identifying the most common missteps, pitfalls, and dead-ends of arguments gone awry. Whether an instance of sunk costs, is ought, affirming the consequent, moving the goal post, begging the question, or the ever-popular slippery slope, each fallacy engages with examples drawn from contemporary politics, economics, media, and popular culture. Further diagrams and tables supplement entries and contextualize common errors in logical reasoning. At a time in our world

when it is crucial to be able to identify and challenge rhetorical half-truths, this book helps readers to better understand flawed argumentation and develop logical literacy. Unrivaled in its breadth of coverage and a worthy companion to its sister volume *Just the Arguments* (2011), *Bad Arguments* is an essential tool for undergraduate students and general readers looking to hone their critical thinking and rhetorical skills.

**Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking** Cambridge University Press  
Second edition of the introductory guidebook to the basic principles of constructing sound arguments and criticising bad ones. Non-technical in approach, it is based on 186 examples, which Douglas Walton, a leading authority in the field of informal logic,

discusses and evaluates in clear, illustrative detail. Walton explains how errors, fallacies, and other key failures of argument occur. He shows how correct uses of argument are based on sound strategies for reasoned persuasion and critical responses. This edition takes into account many developments in the field of argumentation study that have occurred since 1989, many created by the author. Drawing on these developments, Walton includes and analyzes 36 new topical examples and also brings in work on argumentation schemes. Ideally suited for use in courses in informal logic and introduction to philosophy, this book will also be valuable to students of pragmatics, rhetoric, and speech communication.

*100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy* Zephyros Press  
"If I have learned anything in ten years of formal debating, it is that arguments are no different: without a good understanding of the rules and tactics, you are likely to do poorly and be beaten."--HENRY ZHANG, President of the Yale Debate Association  
Your argument is valid and you know it; yet once again you find yourself leaving a debate feeling defeated and embarrassed. The matter is only made worse when you realize that your defeat came at the hands of someone's abuse of logic--and that with the right skills you could have won the argument. The ability to recognize logical fallacies when they occur is an essential life skill. Mastering Logical Fallacies is the

clearest, boldest, and most systematic guide to dominating the rules and tactics of successful arguments. This book offers methodical breakdowns of the logical fallacies behind exceedingly common, yet detrimental, argumentative mistakes, and explores them through real life examples of logic-gone-wrong. Designed for those who are ready to gain the upper hand over their opponents, this master class teaches the necessary skills to identify your opponents' misuse of logic and construct effective, arguments that win. With the empowering strategies offered in *Mastering Logical Fallacies* you'll be able to reveal the slight-of-hand flaws in your challengers' rhetoric, and seize control of the argument with bulletproof logic.

**Informal Logical Fallacies** Master

#### Books

*Nonsense* is the best compilation and study of verbal logical fallacies available anywhere. It is a handbook of the myriad ways we go about being illogical—how we deceive others and ourselves, how we think and argue in ways that are disorderly, disorganized, or irrelevant. *Nonsense* is also a short course in nonmathematical logical thinking, especially important for students of philosophy and economics. A book of remarkable scholarship, *Nonsense* is unexpectedly relaxed, informal, and accessible.

*The Definitive Guide to Flawless Rhetoric and Bulletproof Logic* Cambridge University Press

"This book makes discovering informal fallacies (fallacies of content, rather than



form) fairly simple...book is modeled after medieval bestiaries. Each fallacy is drawn as a caricature of a mythical beast. The beast is described, as well as its appeal. Then, the authors use anecdotes to show how each beast behaves "in the wild." Each "adorable fallacy" is discussed in a matter of just a few pages....Each fallacy is followed up with a few short discussion questions, and an opportunity to identify these beasts in the field"--Web review.

### **A Beginner's Guide to Logical Fallacies and Deductive Reasoning**

Oxford University Press, USA

Originally published in 1961 by the founder of Rodale Inc., The Synonym Finder continues to be a practical reference tool for every home and office. This thesaurus contains more than 1 million synonyms, arranged alphabetically, with separate subdivisions for the different parts of speech and meanings of the same word.