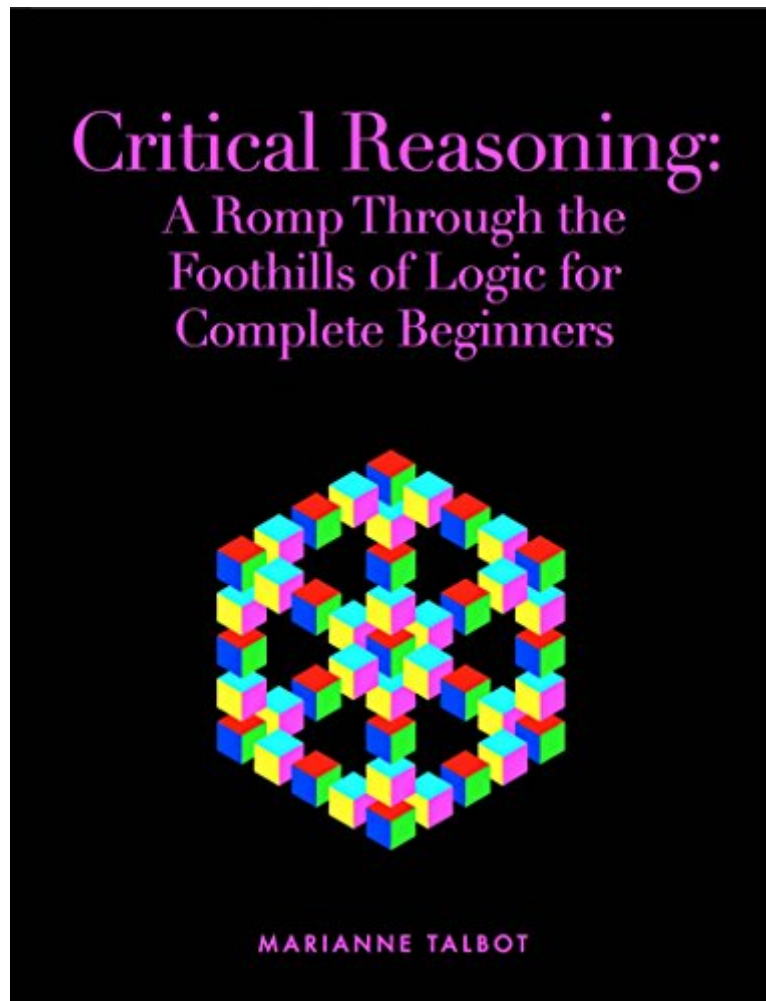


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Critical Reasoning: A Romp Through The Foothills Of Logic For Complete Beginners



Synopsis

This book will help you to reason critically; to recognise, analyse and evaluate arguments and to classify them as inductive or deductive. It will introduce you to fallacies (bad arguments that look like good arguments) and, in two optional chapters, to the rudiments of formalisation. Linked to Marianne Talbot's hugely successful Critical Reasoning podcasts (downloaded 4 million times from iTunesU!), and full of exercises and quizzes, the book was written to satisfy demand from fans of the podcasts. Marianne is the Director of Studies in Philosophy at Oxford University's Department for Continuing Education. This is version 1.1 of 'Critical Reasoning' which resolves the formatting issues in the first version.

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the members of the public. The lectures are also helpful and beneficial for clarification and making the most of the book. The book, itself is well written and the language is just right for those who wants to learn some basic logic. It also provides ample examples from real life which is very helpful to better understand the relevant concepts of the chapter. The first chapter of the book looks at the nature of argument and what constitutes an argument. The second chapter teaches how to analyse a complex argument and set it out logic book style. Then it looks at two most important concepts of logical reasoning which are deductive and inductive reasoning. It then discusses them into more details in two separate chapters. It looks at the validity of a deductive argument in chapter five and have discussion of fallacious arguments in chapter six of the book. Chapter six is the last chapter of the informal logic and people who find it hard to get their head around formal logic can stop reading the book. Chapter 7 teaches how to formalise arguments and chapter 8 looks at the rules of propositional logic. I initially exposed to lectures via iTunes then bought the book.

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