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This succinct, interdisciplinary introduction to critical thinking successfully dares students to question their own assumptions and to enlarge their thinking through the analysis of the most common problems associated with everyday reasoning. The text offers a unique and effective organization: Part I explains the fundamental concepts; Part II describes the most common barriers to critical thinking; Part III offers strategies for overcoming those barriers.

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Miles Wen says

Why am I reading this?! I was expecting to see what indeed the buzz word, "critical thinking", means, but only to find it just a way of thinking that any highly educated person uses everyone. Furthermore, three chapters inside, I realised that this is a textbook for secondary schoolers...

Hairuo says

It's a good book not only for a guide to critical thinking, I found the last chapter is also very useful which is talking about how to persuade others.

I recommend this book not only because it is helpful for any one to form his own opinion or keep critical thinking, but also that in our country, our education system lack these books or effective discussion seriously

Baher Haroun says

This a text book to teach the fundamentals, context, errors and strategies of critical thinking. It is very methodical, but that is exactly what is needed to expose how the human mind needs methodical strategies to analyze and understand situations, and not be influenced by errors in logic, perceptions or arguments. I wish this book is taught in high schools or at junior college level in all disciplines. It will require very competent coaches to help discuss the subtle issues. It is easy reading, if you have some familiarity with the subject. Given that it suggests well thought out and controversial subject matter for the exercises, it could be a great book for two friends to read and go at the exercises to see how well they understood the critical thinking concepts, errors and strategies. It is a must read.

Sylvester Kuo says

An introduction to understanding logical fallacies and improve your debating skills, it was quite well written and impartial with its use of examples. Some of the materials were repeated which was a bit annoying but in general quite a good book to reduce the influence of the intelligentsia.

Allen Martin says

A good book taking one on a detailed tour of critical thinking: the role of personal biases, opinions, various kinds of evidence, logical errors, and even how to do scholarly research. An introduction, yes, but society needs to improve its critical thinking skills. I would like to see this subject taught in schools.

Leo Nguyen says

I thought it was an academic book, or at least a textbook, but it is a self-help book. The knowledge is shallow and general. It will make you disappointed about critical thinking. If you want to seriously study about critical thinking, don't read this book. Choose a textbook instead!

Scarlet says

This is a textbook for a class I am taking. While reading the first few chapters I found it hard. But once I became comfortable with the author's style it was much easier to read. I found the information to be well worth the effort of reading it. I hope to be a better person for having taken the time to do so.

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Noura says

This book started off really good, I was super excited about it, I even asked couple of friends to read it, I kept thinking "this book needs to be read more than once, it's really good", then I just stopped. I don't know, but I felt bored a couple of times, I had to start it again, so I did, and that put it on hold for a while now :(, I finished almost half of the book!, but I just couldn't finish it .. so for the sake of clearing my currently reading shelf, I'll just mark it finished for now, with a promise to get back to it someday..

Jianbo says

outline is enough for reading. The practice of discussion might be helpful if applied

Aria says

I generally don't take the time to write reviews, but this book was so appallingly bad, I couldn't help myself. I was assigned this for an English class and had to drag myself through it. Ruggiero again and again makes

binary assertions for philosophical quandaries that are not nearly so cut and dry.

The idea that critical thinking and feelings have to exist separately is disturbing and so deeply full of logical fallacies.

ehk2 says

In my opinion, the problem of these books is that being critical towards one's own belief/ideology/philosophy is really very hard. Even in given examples, one can easily notice the presumptions of the author. In most cases, such books turn into patronizing texts preaching their own subjective way of thinking -in disguise of objective or critical or logical or scientific thinking (I'm not saying that these latter cannot be possible. I'm only pointing its difficulty). In addition, such introductory texts can really be annoying as they avoid or cannot handle more tangling issues (e.g. relativism, ethical preferences...)

It may be for basic introduction, but you should not expect more.

Ward says

Not finished. It's somewhat dense to read, worth taking the time to really think about the ideas presented. I will continue to read it in the future- someday I will finish and probably start again from the beginning.

Kangkai Tang says

A great book of guidance to critical thinking. A good reminder for us to ponder, how our perspectives are affected by others, how our thinking process is with fallacy, how our ways of expression is inappropriate.

Justin Powell says

One of the best books (textbooks) on critical thinking I've read. A book for beginners, Ruggiero sets out to lay down the fundamentals of informal logic. The readability of this book is what I think sets it apart. It would easily allow it to be digested by those new to the studies of logic and critical thinking. He presents things in a conversational tone, while giving examples in application.

Highly recommended for those new to critical thinking or those experienced minds looking to clear off some of the barnacles that tend to form over time. Especially if you don't use or practice!
