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# The Fallacy Detective Thirty Eight Lessons On How To Recognize Bad Reasoning Nathaniel Bluedorn

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"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 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 Almosawi 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.

#### The Fallacy Detective John Wiley & Sons

30 Fallacies is a companion book for 42 Fallacies. 42 Fallacies is not, however, required to use this book. It provides concise descriptions and examples of thirty common informal fallacies. Accent, Fallacy of Accident, Fallacy of Amphiboly, Fallacy of Appeal to Envy, Appeal to Group Identity, Appeal to Guilt, Appeal to Silence, Appeal to Vanity/Elitism, Argumentum ad Hitlerum, Complex Question, Confusing Explanations and Excuses, Cum Hoc, Ergo Propter Hoc, Equivocation, Fallacy

of Fallacious Example, Fallacy Historian's Fallacy, Illicit Conversion, Incomplete Evidence, Moving the Goal Posts, Oversimplified Cause, Overconfident Inference from Unknown Statistics, Pathetic Fallacy, Positive Ad Hominem, Proving X, Concluding Y, Psychologist's fallacy, Rationalization, Reification, Fallacy of Texas Sharpshooter, Fallacy Victim, Fallacy Weak Analogy

Think-a-Grams A1 Createspace Independent Pub

Debunks popular beliefs and reveals the facts about political, cultural, scientific, and technological misconceptions, addressing such topics as Napoleon's stature, the danger of quicksand, and caffeine's effects on the body.

#### *The Amazing Dr. Ransom's Bestiary of Adorable Fallacies*

Incentive Publications by World Book

"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.

Developing Critical Thinking Through Science Charlesbridge

Junior high aged students will argue (and sometimes quarrel), but they won't argue well without good training. Young teens are also targeted by advertisers with a vengeance. From billboards to commercials to a walk down the mall, fallacious arguments are everywhere you look. The Art of Argument was designed to teach the argumentative adolescent how to reason with clarity, relevance and purpose at a time when he has a penchant for the why and how. It is designed to equip and sharpen young minds as they live,

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play, and grow in this highly commercial culture. This course teaches students to recognize and identify twenty-eight informal fallacies, and the eye-catching text includes over sixty slick and clever, ?phony advertisements? for items from blue jeans to pick-up trucks, which apply the fallacies to a myriad of real life situations.

#### Archer and Zowie Scholastic Teaching Resources

Simply put, a logical fallacy is an error in reasoning. Learning to identify and avoid logical pitfalls is an important part of learning to think and communicate well. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Identifying bad reasoning can help us do that. It enables us to better discern and convey truth and protects us from errors. Pitfalls Volume 2 highlights even more ways fallacies fail to convey truth. Now, let's strengthen our minds!

#### Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency Grove Press

Help children of all learning styles and strengths improve their critical thinking skills with these creative, cross-curricular activities. Each engaging activity focuses on skills such as recognizing and recalling, evaluating, and analyzing.

#### 30 More Fallacies David C Cook

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.

If They Can Argue Well, They Can Write Well Createspace Independent

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#### Publishing Platform

A nice edition with 14 N. C. Wyeth illustrations and many more by James Daugherty The White Company, published in 1891, is a historical adventure by British writer Arthur Conan Doyle, set during the Hundred Years' War. The story is set in England, France, and Spain, in the years 1366 and 1367, against the background of the campaign of Edward, the Black Prince, to restore Peter of Castile to the throne of the Kingdom of Castile. The climax of the book occurs before the Battle of Nájera.

#### The Book of Common Fallacies Analogies

A simple, illustrated textbook for children which teaches them the basic rules of logic.

#### Don't Get Fooled! Skyhorse Publishing Inc.

Winner of the Hugo, Nebula, and Arthur C. Clarke Awards: This record-breaking novel follows a warship trapped in a human body on a quest for revenge. A must read for fans of Ursula K. Le Guin and James S. A. Corey. "There are few who write science fiction like Ann Leckie can. There are few who ever could." -- John Scalzi On a remote, icy planet, the soldier known as Breg is drawing closer to completing her quest. Once, she was the Justice of Toren -- a colossal starship with an artificial intelligence linking thousands of soldiers in the service of the Radch, the empire that conquered the galaxy. Now, an act of treachery has ripped it all away, leaving her with one fragile human body, unanswered questions, and a burning desire for vengeance.

#### The Erasers Walch Publishing

Kara Tippetts' story was not a story of disease, although she lost her battle with terminal cancer. It was not a story of saying goodbye, although she was intentional in her time with her husband and four children. Kara's story was one of seeing God in the hard and in the good. It was one of finding grace in the everyday. And it was one of knowing "God with us" through fierce and beautiful friendship. In Just Show Up, Kara and her close friend, Jill Lynn Buteyn, write about what friendship looks like in the midst of changing life seasons, loads of laundry, and even cancer. Whether you are eager to be present to

someone going through a difficult time or simply want inspiration for pursuing friends in a new way, this eloquent and practical book explores the gift of silence, the art of receiving, and what it means to just show up.

#### The Basics of Critical Thinking SeaWolf Press

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.

#### An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments: Learn the Lost Art of Making Sense (Bad Arguments) 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

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control of the argument with bulletproof logic.

#### The Fallacy Detective Orbit

Teachers play an important role in the everyday life of students. Therefore it is a nice gesture to thank these special people. Whether as a farewell from preschool, after graduation or simply as a thank-you for a great time. In this book 30 students have space for individual entries and there are more pages for photos. This book is a great appreciation for teachers and therefore the best farewell gift and thank you. Format: 8,5" x 11" (21,59cm x 27,94cm) glossy softcover 67 pages

#### An Illustrated Book of Loaded Language: Learn to Hear What's Left Unsaid (Bad Arguments) Christian Logic

"Hans Bluedorn has encapsulated childhood imagination at its fullest." -- DeAnna Squire, Reedsy Author of The Fallacy Detective has written again. This time, he tackles friendship and self-esteem for kids using his comedy-of-the-absurd humor. This is a middle-grade sci-fi story about Archer and Zowie Two mismatched kids who build a spaceship from a treehouse and travel into deep space. They are chased around a nebula by a giant space bug and crash on a planet. Then, get into a big argument about who's fault it was and how they will get home. It's also about the mysterious Teleportee a device so strange it can crumple up and chew on the whole universe in one googlebillionth of a second. Over the course of this book, Archer and Zowie will battle dark matter, babysitters, teleporting microwave ovens, penguin aliens, and even the author of this book to come out on the other side...still friends. The right friends can free us to be ourselves. Children will learn: Astronomy, geography, physics, and other bits of science. Vocabulary to feed the imagination. Friendship. Being friends with somebody who sees the world differently is hard, but rewarding. Self-esteem and identity. Learning to see yourself and like who you are. Archer and Zowie has the character of Beverly Cleary's Romona Quimby, with the wild imagination of Douglas Adams' Hitchhikers

Guide to the Galaxy. Other inspirations were Bill Watterson's Calvin and Hobbes, Madeleine L' Engle's A Wrinkle in Time and C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia.

#### The Thinker's Guide to Fallacies PRUFROCK PRESS INC.

Students analyze what they read as they answer questions based on a passage and then provide supporting evidence from the text for their answers.

#### The Thinking Toolbox: Thirty-Five Lessons That Will Build Your Reasoning Skills The Experiment, LLC

Learning about civics shouldn't be boring. How America Works gives teens a fun, behind-the-scenes look at how the U.S. government works, why they should care and how they can get involved. But this isn't just any old civics primer. Appealing graphics and a conversational tone draw readers in from the very first page. Political cartoons and debates spark critical thought. And age-appropriate explanations make even the most complex civics topics accessible and easy to understand. In short, this comprehensive guide has everything teens need to know about government and civic engagement (and probably don't). 11 easily digestible units From the Declaration of Independence to civil rights and immigration, How America Works helps readers understand the foundations of our nation and the key civic issues facing America today--without dry or complicated language. Ideas for civic engagement It's easy for teens to feel like the government doesn't matter to them. But when they see their interests and concerns reflected on every page, they'll feel empowered to get involved. And we've got plenty of ideas to help them out. Perfect for teachers or parents Your middle- and high-school students are the voters, active citizens, and community leaders of tomorrow. When you give them How America Works, you're giving them a guide to making their voices heard. Exclusive online bonus Order now and get access to online videos, lessons and writing extensions that expand on the topics

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covered in the book. Here's what we cover: The Declaration of Independence The Constitution The Bill of Rights How Washington Works Supreme Court Cases Every Student Should Know The Presidency Why Voting Matters The Long Struggle for Civil Rights Immigration: Who Gets to Be an American? You and the Media Could You Pass America's Citizenship Test?

The Art of Argument Scholastic Inc.

Logic seems like a simple thing. And yet, somehow, mistakes in logic happen all the time. But how do these mistakes, these "fallacies," happen? Maybe they are caused by a lack of knowledge. Maybe they are caused by a lack of critical thinking. Maybe they are caused by small monsters that live in people's heads, encouraging them to believe someone's lies, or maybe pick the easy, deceitful way to win a difficult argument. This book is about those monsters.

Learning Logic Rowman & Littlefield

“ This is a book for every thinking person, the perfect antidote to today ’ s culture wars. ” —Hope Jahren The creators of An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments return with this desperately timely guide to how words can trick us. Learn to “ hear ” hidden bias, slant, and spin—from an irresistible cast of woodland creatures! Public discourse? More like public discord. The battle cries of our culture wars are rife with “ loaded language ” —be it bias, slant, or spin. But listen closely, or you ’ ll miss what Ali Almossawi finds more frightening still: words that erase accountability, history, even identity through what they leave unsaid. Speaking as wise old Mr. Rabbit, Almossawi leads us through a dark forest of rhetoric—aided by Orwell, Baldwin, and a squee-worthy cast of wide-eyed woodland creatures. Here, passive voice can pardon wrongdoers, statistics may be a smokescreen, gaslighting entraps the downtrodden, and irrelevant adjectives cement stereotypes. Emperor Squirrel isn ’ t naked; he has a clothes-free sartorial style. Mouse ’ s

roof becomes flattened (Elephant ’ s foot just happens to be there at the time). And when keen-eyed Owl claims a foreign shore, he seems to be overlooking someone . . . Fans of Almossawi ’ s An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments couldn ’ t ask for a better primer on the less logical ways that words can trick us. It takes a long pair of ears to hear what ’ s left unsaid—but when you ’ re a rabbit in a badger world, listening makes all the difference.