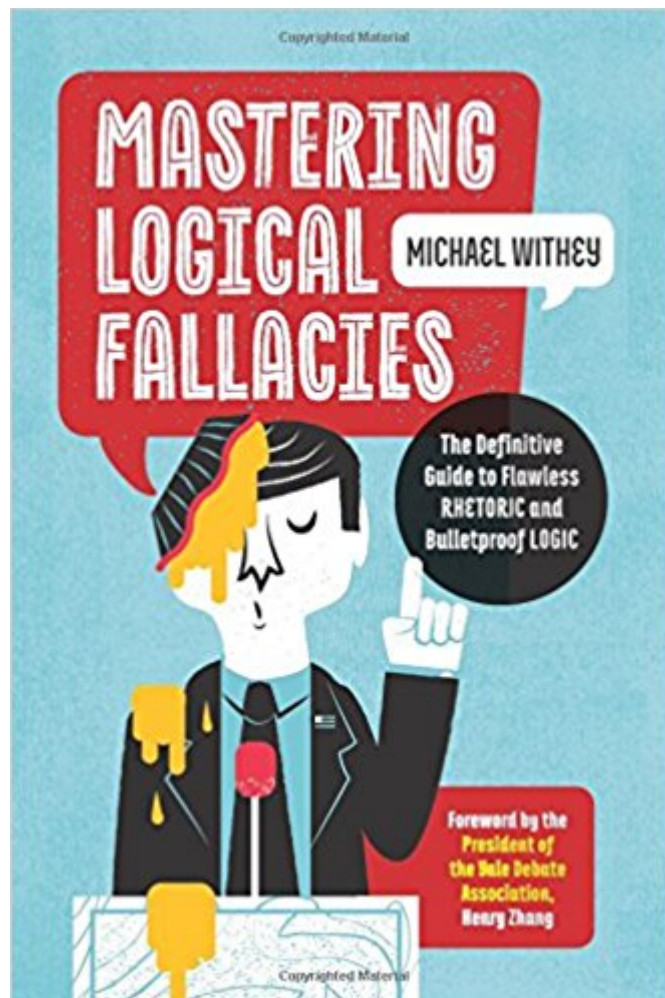


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# Mastering Logical Fallacies: The Definitive Guide To Flawless Rhetoric And Bulletproof Logic



## Synopsis

“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.

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## Customer Reviews

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I got a copy of this book for my 10 year old. Then I decided that I needed to read it myself, in part as a reaction to having been in far more conversations around recent political events where some of the arguments made no sense to me. The book helped me understand how to recognize and address those kinds of arguments. It also has helped me to take a step back in discussions in other domains, including technical discussions at work. Having a framework for understanding these kinds of fallacies can help you to put a conversation in context, and be able to (more) calmly address the issues people are raising, rather than react emotionally and perhaps commit the same kind of fallacies yourself. While I can't speak fully to the thoroughness of the discussion of the fallacies I found this to be a really good bit of background. My one complaint is that some of the examples are a bit forced, but the author still makes his point most of the time. Reading this book is a tool that can help you navigate conversations (especially political ones) be they on Facebook or in person.

I found this book in a search for a resource to help me improve my logical discourse. After reading several reviews, I decided this was the one. I really like this book and the style of writing. It has motivated me to look more into the subject. The fallacies and errors listed are discussed in accessible language and a perfectly abbreviated format (i.e. not too long, not too short). Nice, real-world examples are given to make the discussion very clear. My only reservation with giving this 5 stars is that the fallacies are listed in alphabetical order. That's great for an encyclopedia but awful for someone trying to learn. Many fallacies and errors are related and should be grouped together in chapters. In the ebook version, related fallacies, when referenced in order to show how they are similar or dissimilar, are hyperlinked. However, I find this very distracting and difficult to navigate. A second edition with the fallacies grouped together in a cognitively-meaningful way would get 5 emphatic gold stars from me. Also, a note on other reviews. Many reviewers gave this low ratings because it has a "liberal bias." I find that the book was well-balanced with real-world fallacies from both sides of the aisle, if they fall on either side of the political aisle at all. Furthermore, anyone who has read this book for understanding would know that just because a fact makes you feel bad doesn't make it any less true. Give this book a go. It would be a great reference for those who have a little bit of experience with logical discourse and, if organized by a talented teacher, could easily be used in high school or college for any class that seeks to improve a student's logical reasoning

abilities.

This book was interesting. I'd say it is more for someone on a debate team or something like that. The average person might take a few tips from it but it would definitely be more useful for someone who needs to make arguments for a living or in a class. The book talks about many types of arguments, how to respond to them and real life examples. The examples revolve mostly around politics which I am not into. It would have been more interesting to most people if the examples were from normal every day life. The language in the book is a bit formal also. I think the book would be great as a text book for a debate class. I received this product for free for my honest unbiased review.

Very detailed explanations of logical fallacies and appropriate rebuttals. But I'd like more organization. Maybe a chart to show the relationship between different fallacies? The book is a compilation of random fallacies, with mention of how they relate to one another (one may be a subset or opposite of another) but they are not ordered in a way that makes sense. Otherwise I would have given this book 5 stars. Good info- but poorly organized.

Good solid study of logic and reasoning. Love the layout and breakdown. Only criticism I can offer is that there are times he seems to purport a couple of fallacies himself in his real life examples. However, the foundation and applicability is very sound. Recommended read especially in a world of irrationality we inhabit.

An excellent book. Finally, a very organized book to help ascertain, a truly logical argument. Having read this book at an opportune time, the presidential election, it helped me to clarify my thinking and see through some of the aberrant arguments. I felt in many cases the statements were not "correct" but could not put my finger on "Why" they were erroneous. That will not be happening any more, in a large part, with the help of this book. Thank You.

Has very interesting examples and is worth every penny.

Too simple, Not memorable. More a review if you've already had a course in logic

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