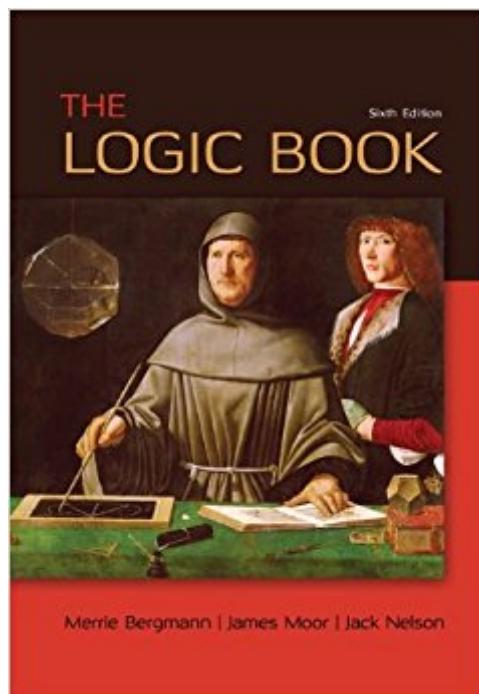


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I would give it five stars, but there are a lot of typos which is surprising since it's the 6th edition. This book covers propositional logic and predicate logic, and it does so very thoroughly. What's also great is that there are many examples.

This textbook should be about a quarter of its length. It contains an incredible amount of fluff. As learning logic goes, you'll get a better education through Wikipedia and other online resources. The symbols are all annoyingly outdated as well.

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I must first give a huge thanks to the authors of this textbook (The Logic Book 5e) for writing such an elite introductory logic book. Now, there are two groups of persons whom will read this book. The first group consists of those who are required by their respective college through college coursework. The second group consists of those who are not required but nevertheless are interested in the subject. I belong in the second group. After declaring my major to be in mathematics, my degree plan required me to take an introductory proof course where the required textbook was "Mathematical proof: A transition to advanced mathematics" by Chartrand. The book just mentioned covers sentential and predicate logic in a mere 20 pages and somehow expected its audience to be expert proofers. I immediately ran to the library to seek for additional help in logic and ended up with the following textbooks at hand, "Introduction to logic" by Suppes, "Introduction to logic" by Copi, "Introduction to logic" Gensler, "Logic and Philosophy: A modern introduction" by Hausman, and "The Logic Book" by Bergmann. Out of the bunch, this textbook (The Logic Book 5e) drew my attention the most because its definitions were the most clear and every chapter had an outline summary. It also drew my attention because it covers metalogic, a topic not covered by the others. It took me about twelve hours to complete each of the chapter's exercises at a rate of 4 hours per day for a total of $(12*11)= 132$ hours of study time in $132/4 = 33$ Days. Thus it took me 33 days to complete the entire book (11 Chapters). This book (the Logic Book) taught me how to convert an English argument into symbolic predicate form and from predicate form back to English. But the most important thing that the textbook taught me was to become an expert prover in

sentential and predicate logic, a skill required in mathematics. I highly recommend this textbook to anyone interested in learning how to prove arguments from a given set of assumptions. There is now no excuse for a person not to know logic, especially when this textbook exists. Consider buying a used 4th, 5th or 6th edition (whichever is cheaper) to save money. Good luck on your Journey!

RE EDITED ON 8/30/2014 I Bought a 4th edition copy of this same text for my sister and cost me less than \$5.00 including S&H (See [The Logic Book \(4th Edition\)](#)). Furthermore, the 4th edition is 99.99% identical to the 5th and 6th editions and yet 99.99% cheaper. Now, it doesn't take a person to know much math nor much logic to know that the 4th edition is a heck of a better deal. The same table of contents of [The Logic Book \(4th Edition\)](#) applies to both the 5th and 6th editions. You're welcome!

This book is simply as good as it gets, straight- forward and clear. Easy to read and the examples are to the point. I would recommend this book to anyone wanting a course in logic.

Very good book but has many mistakes on problems.

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Good book.

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