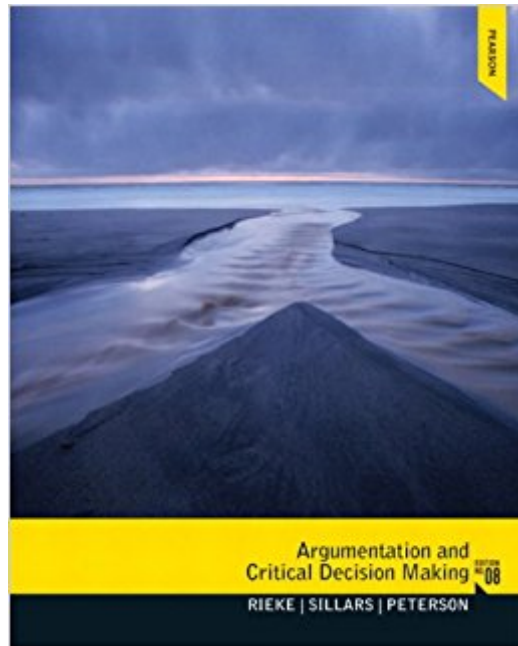


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Took a class at the University of Louisville and it was actually an on line class so I was skeptical how we were going to manage the skill of argumentation with no one sitting beside you in your home. I adored the professor and I was honestly challenged every single day. What a wonderful class on building your confidence, your inner self and being able to focus and organize your thoughts in a productive and beneficial way. I would suggest this class for anyone who will be handling the public or some facet of the public as we all face conflicts ever minute of every day. I had rented the book and took so many valuable notes on the sides of pages there is no way that I would part with this treasure chest. Good luck!

I've read both the sixth and seventh edition. The authors successfully improve their presentation without just adding "new" material. I liked the sixth edition so much that I was super critical of the seventh until about half way, then I realized that the authors' revision and re-presentation was superior. I'm particularly pleased that it flows smoothly and does not suffer from the usual "text book" format and gimmicks. I'm particularly impressed by their "spheres of argumentation" and "audience centered" approach to the science of argumentation. At the end of each chapter is a single suggested exercise. I find this appropriate because most instructors will give their own exercises but someone reading the book on their own doesn't need to work through a lot of incremental or repetitive exercises (if they can bring themselves to do any of the lot) but instead can focus on one well chosen topic to think about and research if they are so inclined. I did find Chapter Three a bit puzzling. I believe the authors intended to demonstrate the techniques in their writing that they were discussing. For me that didn't work. Nonetheless, if you only read one book about argumentation, this is the one I recommend.

Everything was great!

I received the book on 9/9-- 2wks after. Not so good --luckily Professor gave us more time to receive it. It was the 8th edition opposed to 7th ed. --thank you. And pretty much the same style book Professor was fine with it. Thank you!!! Pleased. Content. Would recommend to others!!!!

I bought this book for a class I was taking on argumentation and advocacy. This book is very well written, though occasionally I had to re-read sections to make sure I understood what the author was trying to say. The book promotes critical thinking and was very interesting.

This book is loaded with great information. Even though it isn't the most up to date edition, I still highly recommend it. It is a lot more readable than most run of the mill textbooks and presents information in a manner that allows for easy understanding.

Great introduction to subject.

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