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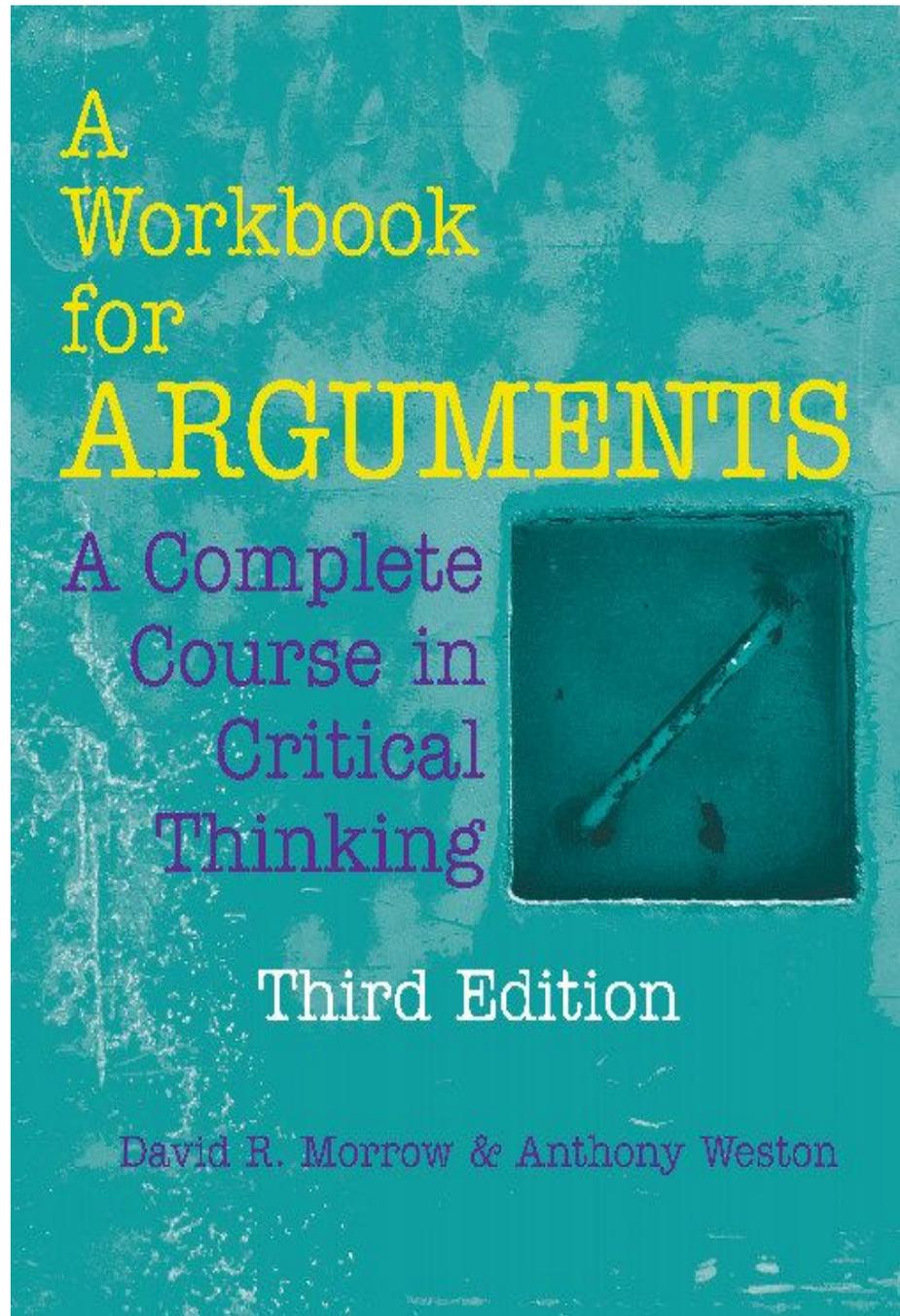
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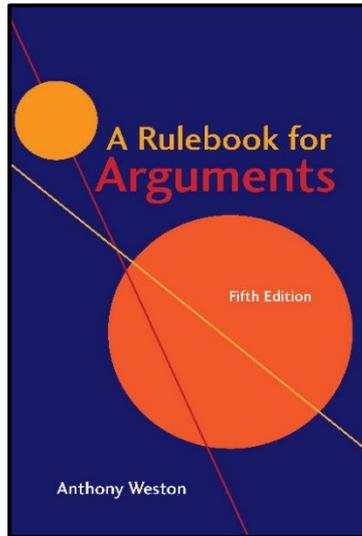
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## A Rulebook for Arguments

Anthony Weston

From academic writing to personal and public discourse, the need for good arguments and better ways of arguing is greater than ever before.

This timely fifth edition of *A Rulebook for Arguments* sharpens an already-classic text, adding updated examples and a new chapter on public debates that provides rules for the etiquette and ethics of sound public dialogue as well as clear and sound thinking in general.

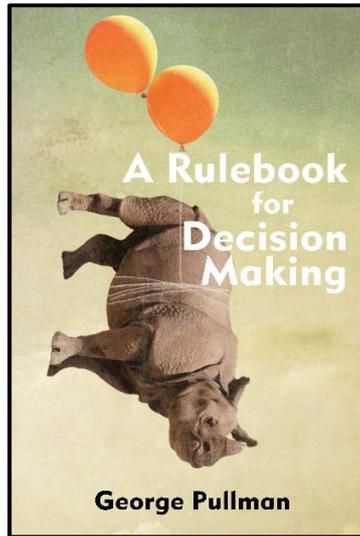
**Reviews:** "This is the ultimate 'how-to' book for anyone who wants to use reasons and evidence in support of conclusions, to be clear instead of confusing, persuasive instead of dogmatic, and better at evaluating the arguments of others." **Debra Nails, Michigan State University**

*February 2018 - 120 pages*

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## **A Rulebook for Decision Making**

George Pullman

"Pullman offers his readers essential insights into how humans reason and make decisions. Both concise and far-reaching, his work teaches us how to challenge intuitive logic *and* examine the processes for deliberative reasoning. This text will prove foundational for students in their intellectual journey toward the development of real skills in critical thinking. By pointing to simple yet profound examples, Pullman's text is both readable and provocative as it challenges us to consider the very mechanisms by which we understand our own cognitive biases."

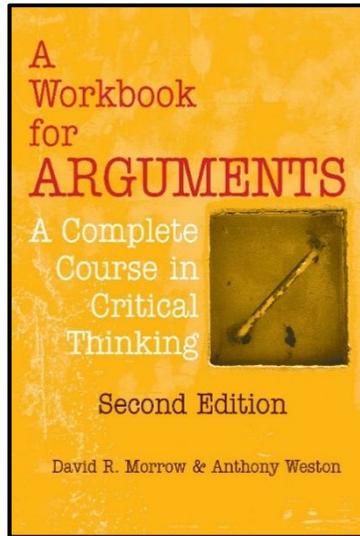
**Bradley A. Hammer, Department of English and Comparative Literature, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

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## **A Workbook for Arguments, Second Edition A Complete Course in Critical Thinking**

David R. Morrow, Anthony Weston

*A Workbook for Arguments* builds on Anthony Weston's *A Rulebook for Arguments* to provide a complete textbook for a course in critical thinking or informal logic.

### **The second edition adds:**

- Updated and improved homework exercises—nearly one third are new—to ensure that the examples continue to resonate with students.
- Increased coverage of scientific reasoning, demonstrating how scientific reasoning dovetails with critical thinking more generally.
- Two new activities in which students analyze arguments in their original form, as provided in brief selections from the original texts.

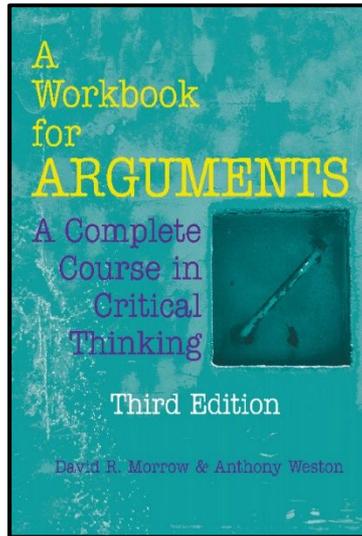
### **This edition continues to include:**

- The entire text of *Rulebook*, supplemented with extensive explanations and exercises.
- Homework exercises adapted from a wide range of arguments in a wide variety of sources.
- Practical advice to help students succeed.
- Model answers to odd-numbered problems, including commentaries on the strengths and weaknesses of selected sample answers and further discussion of some of the substantive intellectual, philosophical, or ethical issues they raise.
- Detailed instructions for in-class activities and take-home assignments.
- An appendix on mapping arguments, giving students a solid introduction to this vital skill in constructing complex and multi-step arguments and evaluating them.

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**A Workbook for Arguments, Third Edition**  
**A Complete Course in Critical Thinking**

David R. Morrow, Anthony Weston

David Morrow and Anthony Weston build on Weston's acclaimed *A Rulebook for Arguments* to offer a complete textbook for a course in critical thinking or informal logic. Features of the book include:

- Homework exercises adapted from a wide range of actual arguments from newspapers, philosophical texts, literature, movies, YouTube videos, and other sources.
- Practical advice to help students succeed when applying the *Rulebook's* rules.
- Suggestions for further practice that outline activities students can do by themselves or with classmates to improve their critical thinking skills.
- Detailed instructions for in-class activities and take-home assignments designed to engage students in critical thinking.
- An appendix on mapping arguments, a topic not included in the *Rulebook*, that introduces students to this vital skill in evaluating or constructing complex and multi-step arguments.
- Model responses to odd-numbered exercises, including commentaries on the strengths and weaknesses of selected model responses as well as further discussion of some of the substantive intellectual, philosophical, and ethical issues raised by the exercises.

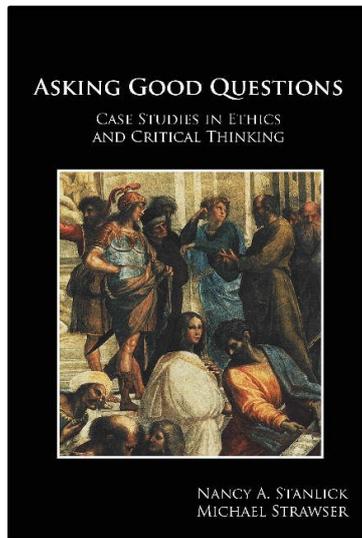
The third edition of *Workbook* contains the entire text of the recent fifth edition of the *Rulebook*, supplementing this core text with extensive further explanations and exercises.

Updated and improved homework exercises ensure that the examples continue to resonate with today's students. Roughly one-third of the exercises have been replaced with updated or improved examples.

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**Asking Good Questions**  
**Case Studies in Ethics and Critical Thinking**

Nancy A. Stanlick, Michael J. Strawser

*Asking Good Questions* moves beyond a traditional discussion of ethical theory, focusing on how educators can use these important frameworks to facilitate critical thinking about real-life ethical dilemmas. In this way, authors Nancy Stanlick and Michael Strawser offer students a theoretical tool kit for creatively addressing issues that influence their own environments. This text begins with a discussion of key ethical theorists and then guides the reader through a series of original case studies and follow-up activities that facilitate critical thinking, emphasize asking thought provoking questions, and teach the student to address the complexity of ethical dilemmas while incorporating the viewpoints of their peers.

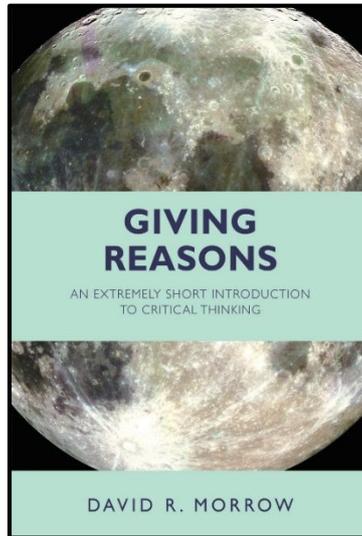
Additionally, Stanlick and Strawser include an extensive preface, a mind-mapping technique for analyzing and formulating arguments, and a six step process for approaching complex real-life moral issues. Each chapter incorporates suggested assignments, discussion questions, and references for further reading, and a guide for instructors offering a sample course schedule and suggestions on how to use this book effectively is also available. This text is designed to help educators engage students in a meaningful discussion of how historical theories apply to their own lives, providing rich and unique resources to learn about these critical issues.

*March 2015 - 224 pages*

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**Giving Reasons**  
**An Extremely Short Introduction to Critical Thinking**

David R. Morrow

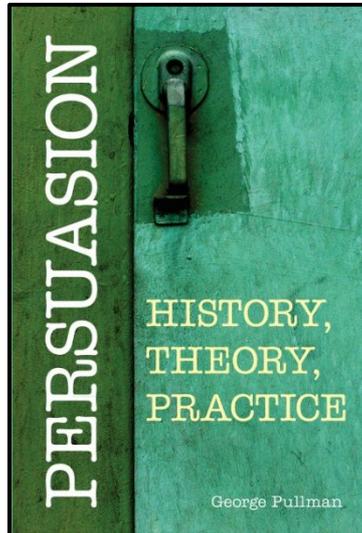
*Giving Reasons* prepares students to think independently, evaluate information, and reason clearly across disciplines. Accessible to students and effective for instructors, it provides plain-English exercises, helpful appendices, and a variety of online supplements available on the *Giving Reasons* title support page.

**Reviews:** "David Morrow's *Giving Reasons* is concise, lively, and accessible. Covering the essentials of critical thinking in clear, non-technical language, the book will be a welcome addition to introductory college courses as well as high school classes in any discipline. *Giving Reasons* is an excellent tool for teaching critical thinking across the curriculum."  
**Stephen Beck, The Evergreen State College**

*September 2017 - 96 pages*

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**Persuasion**  
**History, Theory, Practice**

George Pullman

George Pullman's lively and accessible introduction to the study of persuasion is an ideal text for use in courses where the understanding and practice of argumentation, rhetoric, and critical thinking are central.

Continually challenging his readers to seek and recognize sound evidence, to question the obvious, and to assess and reassess the credibility of claims made by others—including the author's own—Pullman shows the way to strong writing, effective speaking, and rigorous critical thinking.

*Persuasion: History, Theory, Practice* provides:

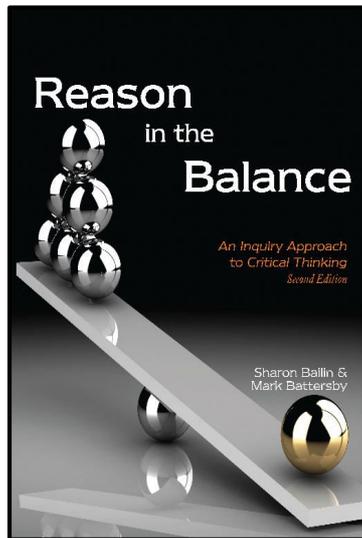
- An overview of the traditional canons of rhetoric, along with updated versions for contemporary communication practices.
- Strategies for honing persuasive skills.
- Guidelines for creating persuasive arguments and for critically evaluating the arguments of others.
- A wealth of exercises—including activities appropriate for group participation—that can be assigned or used for self-testing and practice.
- Guidelines for the writing of argumentative papers.
- A section on decision-making.
- Selected classical readings on rhetoric and persuasion.
- A glossary of important terms.
- Suggestions for further reading.

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**Reason in the Balance**  
**An Inquiry Approach to Critical Thinking**

Sharon Bailin, Mark Battersby

Unlike most texts in critical thinking, *Reason in the Balance* focuses broadly on the practice of critical inquiry, the process of carefully examining an issue in order to come to a reasoned judgment. Although analysis and critique of individual arguments have an important role to play, this text goes beyond that dimension to emphasize the various aspects that go into the practice of inquiry, including identifying issues and relevant contexts, understanding competing cases, and making a comparative judgment.

**Distinctive Features of the Text:**

- Emphasis on applying critical thinking to complex issues with competing arguments
- Inclusion of chapters on inquiry in specific contexts
- Attention to the dialogical aspects of inquiry, including sample dialogues
- Emphasis on the spirit of inquiry

**The Second Edition Features:**

- Updated examples and items of current interest
- New dialogues on vaccination, prostitution, and climate change
- New material on biases in reasoning, including emotional, psychological, social, and cognitive

**The Reason in the Balance Website includes:**

- An Appendix on Logic
- Exercises
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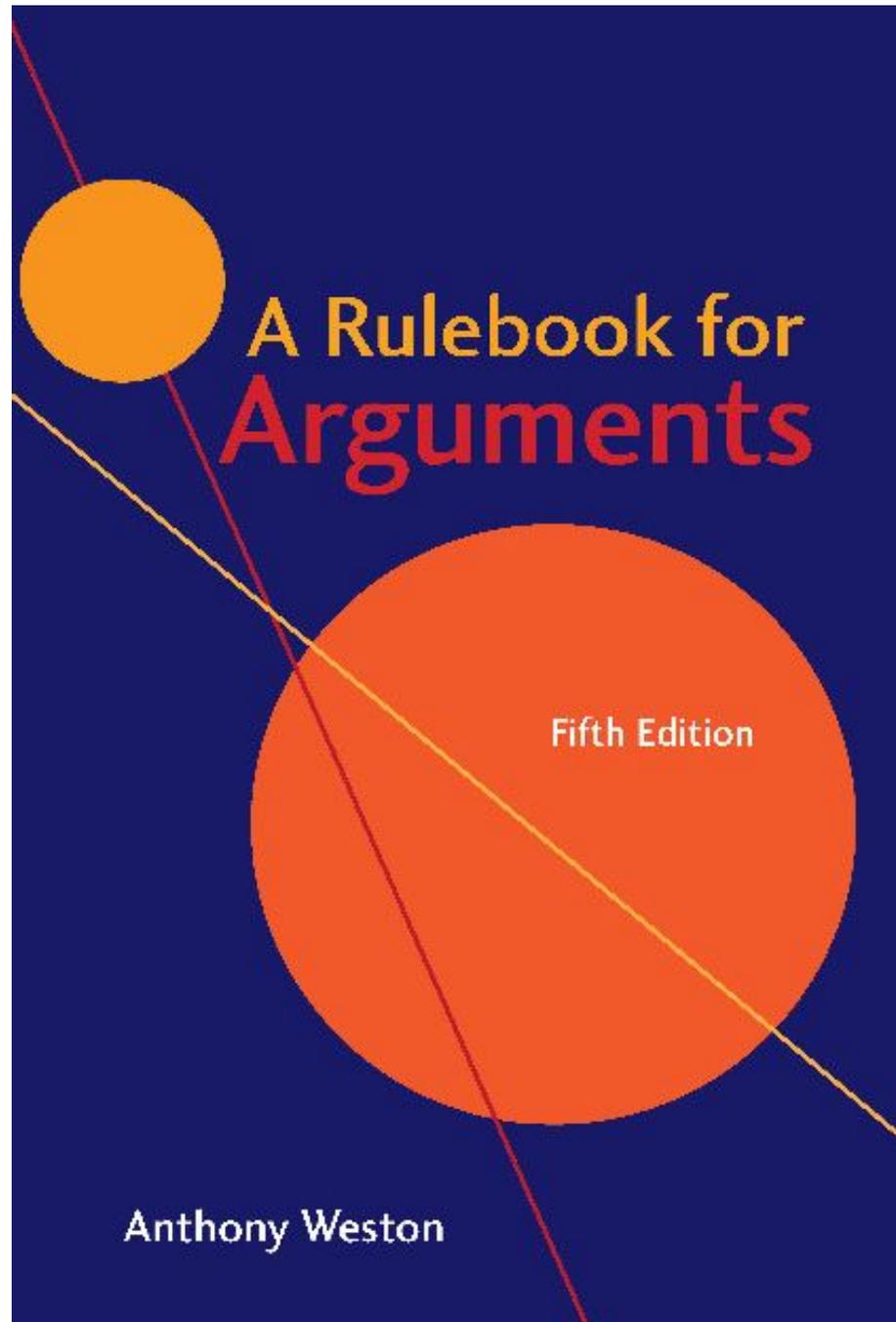
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