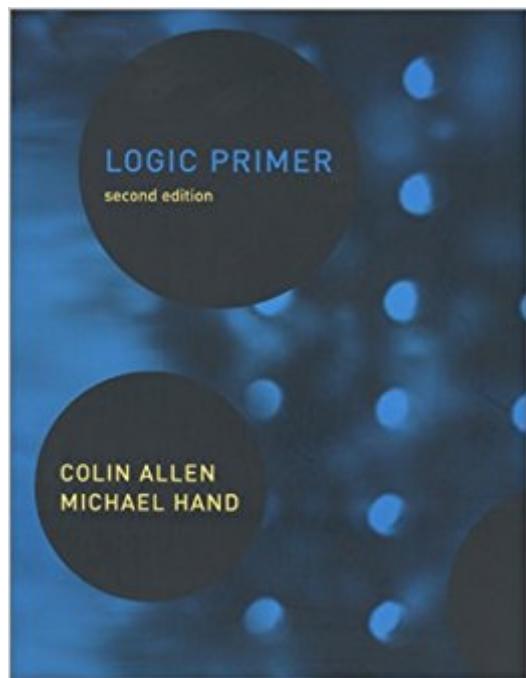


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This has been a great support for an introductory logic class I've been taking. The authors point out right at the beginning that this isn't a standalone book and they were correct - at least not for those who have never seen this type of material before. But it's been a good companion for the class I'm in, for sure, and has helped me to understand some of the base principles of logic much more clearly than I did. I would buy this again, and will keep it for future quick reference.

Came in the time I expected it to and was as described. Thanks!!

good book for philosophy class. A bit complicated to follow but worked well for the class

Oh Logic... the subject can be tough but this book is really clean and very interesting!

Really good textbook, makes everything so much easier to understand. Answers in the back only

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GREAT REFERENCE WORK. MANY MORE SUCH REFERENCE BOOKS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY POST GRADUATE STUDENTS.

Overall, the book is ok but it does not teach you the concepts in detail. If you never had this class before, this book is not for you. It has a lot of exercises but little instruction. If you have a good instructor this book can work, otherwise this book will bring more frustration.JT

Had the previous reviewer bothered to read the preface to this text, he would have found that the book was meant to be used with an instructor: the first two sentences read, "The most important thing for you to know about this book is that it is designed to be used with a teacher. You should not expect to learn logic from this book alone..."Contra the previous review, I found this textbook to be tremendously helpful. I was fortunate enough to study with Dr. Bill Robinson, who worked hard to insure that his lectures adequately explained the material: the book complemented that instruction. If I needed to refer back for the formal definition of a term or rule, I had the book to rely on. The definitions were clearly worded, and made plain sense (when coupled with the high level of classroom instruction) and the examples and exercises were helpful for understanding and practice. Step-by-step solutions were given at the back of the book for selected problems. In short, this text provided a useful complement to the fine instruction I received in symbolic logic, and, when properly used in concert with such instruction, should provide any beginning practitioner of symbolic logic the tools he needs to begin to his foray into the world of logic.

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