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Orwell'in Hayvan Çiftliği'nde Metinlerarasılık ve Çoğul Okuma Eksenleri - Didem Tuna 2019-02-04

"Dil tuzaklıdır, söylemimiz tuzaklıdır. [...] Dilbilimcinin, söylem çözümleyicinin, yani göstergibilimcinin derdi hiç bitmez. Dilin basit olduğuna, daha açıkçası, tek anlamlı olduğuna inanana gecikmeden doğruyu öğretmek gerekir" (Jean-Claude Coquet, La Quête du Sens, 1997: 24). George Orwell'in Animal Farm (Hayvan Çiftliği) adlı yapıtı, bir fabl olarak okunmasının yanı sıra, 1917 Rus Devrimi ve sonrasında yaşananlar üzerinden her çeşit politik düzene ve insan doğasına yönelik bir yergi olarak ve ayrıca politikada ve günlük yaşamda kullanılan çeşitli propaganda ve ikna yöntemlerini örnekleyen bir metin niteliği ile üç farklı şekilde okunmaktadır. Çeviri amaçlı bir çözümlemede özgün metnin çoğul okumalarının ve bunlar arasındaki metinlerarası geçişlerin ortaya koyulmasındaki temel amaç, bu okumalara ve geçişlere yol açan göstergelerin erek metne açık ve örtük anlamlarını koruyarak aktarılmalarını sağlamaktır. Bu bağlamda, anlam ve anlamlama

meselesinin çeviri etkinliğinin can alıcı noktasını oluşturduğu ve bu meseleye ışık tutan göstergibilimin de çeviribilimle bütünleştirilebilecek en öncelikli alanlardan biri olduğu söylenebilir. Olgulara farklı pencerelerden bakmak, daha bütüncül çözümler üretilmesini mümkün kılmakta ve doğası gereği çok yönlü bir etkinlik olan çeviriye çok değerli kazanımlar sağlamaktadır.

Being Young - Paul G. Kelly 2021-01-09

"Long overdue, Paul Kelly asks a question that simultaneously embarrasses and heartens old-timers like me: Is there a theological framework about adolescence revealed in Scripture that ought to give shape to the way we practice youth ministry?"-Dave Rahn, from the foreword
Youth live in the in-between: They're no longer children but not exactly adults, growing through a God-designed season of life that is tumultuous, exciting, and essential. How can we best love, encourage, and challenge the young people in our lives, helping them live into their gifts and grow toward spiritual maturity? And where should we look for

these answers?"The church has a need for a deeper understanding of the purpose of the teenage years. And our understanding of this time of life should be informed by our faith," writes author and youth ministry professor Paul G. Kelly in this book of theology. "The Bible should guide our understanding of culture, not the other way around."In these pages, Kelly combines careful research and practical takeaways, bringing readers along for a sweeping study of youth in the Old and New Testaments that results in a better understanding of the nature of youth. This book shows that young people today are much as they've always been: full of immense gifts, inherent weaknesses, and staggering potential. The stories of people like Mary, Joseph, Rebekah, and Rehoboam offer a collective wisdom, creating a picture of youth that applies just as much today as it did centuries ago.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (EasyRead Super Large 20pt Edition) - Harriet A. Jacobs 2008-11-05

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Insanity - Jonah F. Haddad 2013-11-01

"Have you seen such men--peculiar, raving, foam-mouthed, and straitjacketed--throwing themselves mercilessly at white padded walls . . . ?" Such men are said to be insane. But there is more to insanity than the images depicted in film and planted in our minds by popular media. Insanity is a condition that affects us all. Unsoundness of mind disrupts our ability to think clearly and to form knowledge about the world. Our understanding is dangerously incomplete and our minds are corrupt. We are all insane. How then can we ever hope to know our world? Is it possible to form justified true beliefs about anything? What possibility, if any, do we have of escaping this condition of madness that keeps us from

the light of knowledge? In *Insanity*, Jonah Haddad explores these very questions by introducing the main problems of the theory of knowledge and by offering a response to our madness--a response grounded in God, the ultimate Knower.

Reformation and the Culture of Persuasion - Andrew Pettegree
2005-06-23

Publisher Description

The Royal Path of Life - Thomas Louis Haines 1882

A Book of Golden Deeds - Charlotte Mary Yonge 1866

The Philosopher's Toolkit - Julian Baggini 2011-08-24

The second edition of this popular compendium provides the necessary intellectual equipment to engage with and participate in effective philosophical argument, reading, and reflection Features significantly revised, updated and expanded entries, and an entirely new section drawn from methods in the history of philosophy This edition has a broad, pluralistic approach--appealing to readers in both continental philosophy and the history of philosophy, as well as analytic philosophy Explains difficult concepts in an easily accessible manner, and addresses the use and application of these concepts Proven useful to philosophy students at both beginning and advanced levels

Biblical Nonsense - Jason Long 2005

The Bible is not the word of God. *Biblical Nonsense* is a broad look at the tremendous problem of associating divinity with the world's most popular book. This part-philosophical, part-scientific overview explores the Bible's divine treachery, scientific mistakes, historical errors, false prophecies, and comical absurdities. *Biblical Nonsense* also expands beyond these standard reasons for skepticism by tackling the rationale behind the emergence and perpetuation of Christianity, psychological and sociocultural reasons that drive Christians to cling to their beliefs, and illogical methods of argumentation invoked in the defense of the Bible. Author Dr. Jason Long is a former Christian who condenses the most significant biblical problems into this single volume. Unlike other

books in the field that delve into only one topic, this manuscript, comprehensible even to those who have never opened a Bible, is a full-fledged attempt to demonstrate that God's supposed word is a product of human minds, not divine inspiration. Dr. Long's fresh experiences in the church and advanced levels of educational enlightenment make him the perfect individual to present this vehemently unpopular, yet undeniably appealing topic.

Developing Deep Knowledge in Middle School Mathematics - Sergei Abramovich 2021-05-10

This textbook is for prospective teachers of middle school mathematics. It reflects on the authors' experience in offering various mathematics education courses to prospective teachers in the US and Canada. In particular, the content can support one or more of 24-semester-hour courses recommended by the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences (2012) for the mathematical preparation of middle school teachers. The textbook integrates grade-appropriate content on all major topics in the middle school mathematics curriculum with international recommendations for teaching the content, making it relevant for a global readership. The textbook emphasizes the inherent connections between mathematics and real life, since many mathematical concepts and procedures stem from common sense, something that schoolchildren intuitively possess. This focus on teaching formal mathematics with reference to real life and common sense is essential to its pedagogical approach. In addition, the textbook stresses the importance of being able to use technology as an exploratory tool, and being familiar with its strengths and weaknesses. In keeping with this emphasis on the use of technology, both physical (manipulatives) and digital (commonly available educational software), it also explores e.g. the use of computer graphing software for digital fabrication. In closing, the textbook addresses the issue of creativity as a crucial aspect of education in the digital age in general, and in mathematics education in particular.

Nonsense - Robert J. Gula 1981-09-01

Skeptical - Bob Moores 2011-11-14

In *Skeptical*, author Bob Moores describes his atheistic/humanistic philosophy and traces its roots back to early childhood epiphanies where he first began to question certain axiological teachings. He argues against creationism and religious fundamentalism and defends scientific naturalism, critical thinking, and a rational approach to understanding the world. Moores attempts to show readers how recent scientific discoveries, especially in biology, are more exciting and uplifting than any form of biblical mythology. Using lay terms, he explains the significance of DNA and why a scientific theory is more than just a guess. He argues that modern humanistic values are superior in many ways to those venerated in ancient texts, and he shares his belief that humans are both the greatest threat and greatest hope for the preservation of life on Earth. Moores hopes that *Skeptical* will challenge readers to consider views and information that may conflict with their comfort zones, allowing them to broaden their perspectives. He argues that if we are too protective of our own paradigms, if we stubbornly believe that our way is the only way, then the tribes of earth will never come together to solve the most urgent need of all - our continued existence.

Passages from the French and Italian Note-books of Nathaniel Hawthorne - Nathaniel Hawthorne 1883

Sophie's World - Jostein Gaarder 2007-03-20

One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.

Capitalism and Natural Law - Robert McGrath Ph.D. 2018-01-04

The author begins with the statement "Christianity and Capitalism both seem to be going through a bit of a rough patch at the time of writing." Each of these concerns is enough to motivate a book, but Robert N. McGrath, PhD, is concerned about the nexus of the two. He begins with the observation that many people cannot articulate a clear

understanding of either capitalism or natural law. First, capitalism means more than "free enterprise." Capitalism is first a theory of economics where capital is accumulated, allocated, and managed productively in order to increase the economic welfare of society. Such a theory is an outgrowth of centuries of philosophy. Second, natural law theology goes back to ancient Greek and Roman philosophers, but evolved with Christian doctrine to become central to that faith's present theology. In the meantime, people such as Thomas Aquinas, John Locke, and Thomas Jefferson ensconced it deeply into the very psyche of Western civilization and its philosophy, including economic thought. After explaining this, the author examines original words of eminent "modern" economists since Adam Smith, into the twentieth century with Joseph Schumpeter, the very champion of entrepreneurship as being the "essence of capitalism." Several interim-period economists also implied that economic "laws" are "natural," while others have been adamantly and even violently opposed to any such view. However, the author continuously insists that his purpose is to be provocative, not definitive, and leaves final interpretations largely to each reader.

Writing Theologically - Eric D. Barreto 2015

Writing Theologically introduces writing not just as an academic exercise but as a way for students to communicate the good news in rapidly changing contexts, as well as to discover and craft their own sense of vocation and identity. Most important will be guiding students toward a distinctive theological voice that is particularly attuned to the contexts of writer and audience alike. In a collection of brief, readable essays, this volume, edited by Eric D. Barreto, emphasizes the vital skills, practices, and values involved in writing theologically.

The End of Men - Hanna Rosin 2012-09-11

Essential reading for our times, as women are pulling together to demand their rights— A landmark portrait of women, men, and power in a transformed world. "Anchored by data and aromatized by anecdotes, [Rosin] concludes that women are gaining the upper hand." -The Washington Post Men have been the dominant sex since, well, the dawn of mankind. But Hanna Rosin was the first to notice that this long-held

truth is, astonishingly, no longer true. Today, by almost every measure, women are no longer gaining on men: They have pulled decisively ahead. And "the end of men"—the title of Rosin's Atlantic cover story on the subject—has entered the lexicon as dramatically as Betty Friedan's "feminine mystique," Simone de Beauvoir's "second sex," Susan Faludi's "backlash," and Naomi Wolf's "beauty myth" once did. In this landmark book, Rosin reveals how our current state of affairs is radically shifting the power dynamics between men and women at every level of society, with profound implications for marriage, sex, children, work, and more. With wide-ranging curiosity and insight unhampered by assumptions or ideology, Rosin shows how the radically different ways men and women today earn, learn, spend, couple up—even kill—has turned the big picture upside down. And in *The End of Men* she helps us see how, regardless of gender, we can adapt to the new reality and channel it for a better future.

The Sacred Monster of Thomism - Richard Peddicord 2015-05-15

Nonsense - Robert J. Gula 2007

Nonsense is the best compilation and study of verbal logical fallacies available anywhere. It is a handbook of the myriad ways we go about being illogical—how we deceive others and ourselves, how we think and argue in ways that are disorderly, disorganized, or irrelevant. Nonsense is also a short course in nonmathematical logical thinking, especially important for students of philosophy and economics. A book of remarkable scholarship, Nonsense is unexpectedly relaxed, informal, and accessible.

And Then There Were None - Agatha Christie 2004-05-03

When ten people arrive on private Indian Island off England's southwest coast, lured to a mansion by invitations from a mysterious host, terror mounts as one guest after another is murdered, in a classic whodunit that is an elaboration of the famous children's rhyme "Ten Little Indians." Reader's Guide included. Reprint. 100,000 first printing.

Informal Logical Fallacies - Jacob E. Van Vleet 2021-01-28

Critical thinking is now needed more than ever. This accessible and

engaging book provides the necessary tools to question and challenge the discourse that surrounds us—whether in the media, the classroom, or everyday conversation. Additionally, it offers readers a deeper understanding of the foundations of analytical thought. *Informal Logical Fallacies: A Brief Guide* is a systematic and concise introduction to more than fifty fallacies, from anthropomorphism and argumentum ad baculum, to reductionism and the slippery slope argument. This revised edition includes updated examples, exercises, and a new chapter on non-Western logical fallacies. With helpful definitions and relevant explanations, the author guides the reader through the realms of fallacious reasoning and deceptive rhetoric. This is an essential guide to philosophical reflection and clear thinking.

Juridisch argumenteren - Frederik Peeraer 2019-10-03

'Juridisch argumenteren' vormt een inleiding op de manier waarop juristen deugdelijke argumenten kunnen ontwikkelen. Drie delen - redeneren, argumenteren en juridisch argumenteren - reiken stapsgewijs een cognitief en praktisch kader aan waarmee argumenten in een juridische context kunnen worden geanalyseerd, beoordeeld en uitgewerkt. Inzichten uit andere disciplines (zoals psychologie en wetenschapsfilosofie) helpen om de talrijke valkuilen voor redeneringen en argumentaties helder te schetsen en toe te lichten, zodat de kwaliteit van (juridische) argumenten kan worden verbeterd. Het boek gaat dieper in op de voornaamste juridische argumentatieschema's en verheldert welke waarden eraan ten grondslag liggen. Ook de manier waarop juridisch argumenteren de afgelopen tweehonderd jaar is geëvolueerd, wordt bevattelijk en beknopt behandeld. Met behulp van oefeningen kunnen juristen (in opleiding) toetsen of ze de verschillende bouwstenen goed hebben begrepen en of ze inzicht hebben in de verbanden tussen de delen van het boek.

The Philosopher's Toolkit - Peter S. Fosl 2020-04-14

A new edition of the bestselling guide to the study of philosophy: the ideal intellectual 'toolkit' for sharpening analytical skills and building philosophical acuity Whether used as a guide to basic principles or a resource for key concepts and methods, *The Philosopher's Toolkit* equips

readers with all the intellectual 'tools' necessary for engaging closely with philosophical argument and developing fluency in the methods and language of philosophical inquiry. Featuring accessible explanations, practical examples, and expert guidance, this text empowers readers to understand traditional philosophical thinking and to engage with new ideas. Focuses on the practical methods and concepts necessary for philosophical inquiry Presents a versatile resource for both novice and advanced students in areas of philosophy, critical theory, and rhetoric Adopts a pluralistic approach to teaching philosophy, making this a suitable resource for many courses Delivers extensive cross-referenced entries, recommended readings, and updated online resources Covers an array of topics, from basic tools of argumentation to sophisticated philosophical principles Fully revised and updated to include new topics and entries as well as expanded recommended reading lists to encourage further study

Informal Logic - Douglas N. Walton 1989-07-28

This is an introductory guide to the basic principles of constructing good arguments and criticizing bad ones. It is nontechnical in its approach, and is based on 150 key examples, each discussed and evaluated in clear, illustrative detail. The author explains how errors, fallacies, and other key failures of argument occur. He shows how correct uses of argument are based on sound argument strategies for reasoned persuasion and critical questions for responding. Among the many subjects covered are: techniques of posing, replying to, and criticizing questions, forms of valid argument, relevance, appeals to emotion, personal attack, uses and abuses of expert opinion, problems in deploying statistics, loaded terms, equivocation, and arguments from analogy.

Hatred - Berit Brogaard 2020-10-20

Hatred is often considered the opposite of love, but in many ways is much more complicated. It also may be considered one of the dominant emotions of our time, as individuals, groups, and even nations express or enact hatred to varying degrees. What is hatred? Where does it come from and what does it reveal about the hater? And is hatred always a bad thing? Brogaard makes a deep dive into the moral psychology of one of

our most complex, and vivid emotions. She explores how hatred arises between people and among groups. She also shows how hate, like anger, can sometimes be appropriate and fitting. Other other questions she addresses are, how does hate differ from anger, disgust, fear, and other related emotions? Is fear an essential part of hatred? How does hatred affect what happens inside the brain? How did hate evolve in human history? Is hatred ever morally justified? Can you hate and love at the same time? Can one hate oneself? How do implicit biases trigger hatred of groups? This accessible, timely, and novel look at an underexplored emotion will employ examples from current events as well as art and literature and popular culture.

42 Fallacies - Michael C. Labossiere 2013-03-12

This book presents descriptions and examples of 42 common informal fallacies: Ad Hominem Ad Hominem Tu Quoque Appeal to the Consequences of a Belief Appeal to Authority Appeal to Belief Appeal to Common Practice Appeal to Emotion Appeal to Fear Appeal to Flattery Appeal to Novelty Appeal to Pity Appeal to Popularity Appeal to Ridicule Appeal to Spite Appeal to Tradition Begging the Question Biased Generalization Burden of Proof Circumstantial Ad Hominem Fallacy of Composition Confusing Cause and Effect Fallacy of Division False Dilemma Gambler's Fallacy Genetic Fallacy Guilt by Association Hasty Generalization Ignoring a Common Cause Middle Ground Misleading Vividness Peer Pressure Personal Attack Poisoning the Well Post Hoc Questionable Cause Red Herring Relativist Fallacy Slippery Slope Special Pleading Spotlight Straw Man Two Wrongs Make a Right

Falsehood and Fallacy - Bethany Kilcrease 2021-04-07

Falsehood and Fallacy shows students how to evaluate what they read in a digital age now that old institutional gatekeepers, such as the media or institutions of higher education, no longer hold a monopoly on disseminating knowledge. Short chapters cover the problems that exist as a result of the current flow of unmediated information, Fake News, and bad arguments, and demonstrate how to critically evaluate sources - particularly those that appear online. Kilcrease provides a range of tools to help students evaluate the legitimacy of what they read. She discusses

how to be on the lookout for bad arguments and logical fallacies and explains how students can produce clear and convincing academic writing. Exercises are included throughout the book to test student knowledge. Written in a positive style and full of useful tools and exercises, Falsehood and Fallacy embraces the idea that everyone is a writer and has aptitude for further growth.

The Oera Linda Book - 1876

A Little History of the World - E. H. Gombrich 2014-10-01

E. H. Gombrich's Little History of the World, though written in 1935, has become one of the treasures of historical writing since its first publication in English in 2005. The Yale edition alone has now sold over half a million copies, and the book is available worldwide in almost thirty languages. Gombrich was of course the best-known art historian of his time, and his text suggests illustrations on every page. This illustrated edition of the Little History brings together the pellucid humanity of his narrative with the images that may well have been in his mind's eye as he wrote the book. The two hundred illustrations—most of them in full color—are not simple embellishments, though they are beautiful. They emerge from the text, enrich the author's intention, and deepen the pleasure of reading this remarkable work. For this edition the text is reset in a spacious format, flowing around illustrations that range from paintings to line drawings, emblems, motifs, and symbols. The book incorporates freshly drawn maps, a revised preface, and a new index. Blending high-grade design, fine paper, and classic binding, this is both a sumptuous gift book and an enhanced edition of a timeless account of human history.

Critical Thinking - Gregory Bassham 2018

Zionism Vs. the West - Jonas E. Alexis 2018-04-03

A person can be brought into bondage in two different ways: by force or by his own will. Force is a crude way of bringing a person into submission, but using the persons own free will can be done sophisticatedly and covertly. Under the banner of democracy and freedom, America has

been under the bondage of what E. Michael Jones has aptly called sexual liberation and political control for over fifty years. In the first two volumes of the trilogy, Alexis explored these ideological themes. In this last volume, he expands on some of those pernicious ideas, emphasizing how Zionism, for over sixty years, has shaken the moral, philosophical, and intellectual foundation of much of Western culture. The Iraq War alone will cost America at least six trillion dollars, and as if to prove that America is still in bondage, the oppressors continue to use sophisticated means to seduce Americans so that perpetual wars will never cease to exist in the Middle East and in much of the world. This book will seek to address these and related issues and, in the process, tell us something about the fundamental nature of reality and how to approach this cosmic conflict, which has dominated the West for over a thousand years.

The Everlasting Man - Gilbert Keith Chesterton 1925

In *The Everlasting Man*, G. K. Chesterton paints the full panorama of human history in light of Christian tradition--Amazon.

The Sacred Fount - Henry James 1995

One of Henry James's most mesmerizing and unusual novels, *The Sacred Fount* (1901) has for its scene a weekend party at the great English country house Newmarch. Here James leads the reader down a bizarre garden path. *The Sacred Fount*--his only novel to employ a first-person narrator--places us in the hands of an obsessive novelist (never named and never described, but perhaps familiar), who detects alarming changes in his acquaintances. A woman known for her élan has lost her poise, a dull man is charming; a friend is suddenly aged, a plain woman sparkles. Where one improves, another seems to suffer. With "plunges of insight," "as noiseless and guarded as if I were trapping a bird," the narrator stalks his fellow guests through the weekend, avidly trying to make sense of what he comes to believe are actual exchanges of life force. "The sacred fount," as R.P. Blackmur noted, "is the mystery of the power that passes among us, depleting or restoring us, in friendship, in love, even in more public relations [Here] is the beautiful, the critical job of making that mystery manifest."

How to Think in Medicine - Milos Jenicek 2018-08-06

Mastery of quality health care and patient safety begins as soon as we open the hospital doors for the first time and start acquiring practical experience. The acquisition of such experience includes much more than the development of sensorimotor skills and basic knowledge of sciences. It relies on effective reason, decision making, and communication shared by all health professionals, including physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, and administrators. *How to Think in Medicine, Reasoning, Decision Making, and Communications in Health Sciences* is about these essential skills. It describes how physicians and health professionals reason, make decision, and practice medicine. Covering the basic considerations related to clinical and caregiver reasoning, it lays out a roadmap to help those new to health care as well as seasoned veterans overcome the complexities of working for the well-being of those who trust us with their physical and mental health. This book provides a step-by-step breakdown of the reasoning process for clinical work and clinical care. It examines both the general and medical ways of thinking, reasoning, argumentation, fact finding, and using evidence. It explores the principles of formal logic as applied to clinical problems and the use of evidence in logical reasoning. In addition to outline the fundamentals of decision making, it integrates coverage of clinical reasoning risk assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in evidence-based medicine. Presented in four sections, this book discusses the history and position of the problem and the challenge of medical thinking; provides the philosophy interfacing topics of interest for health sciences professionals including the probabilities, uncertainties, risks, and other quantifications in health by steps of clinical work; decision making in clinical and community health care, research, and practice; Communication in clinical and community care including how to write medical articles, clinical case studies and case reporting, and oral and written communication in clinical and community practice and care.

The Critical Thinking Toolkit - Galen A. Foresman 2016-06-02

The Critical Thinking Toolkit is a comprehensive compendium that equips readers with the essential knowledge and methods for clear, analytical, logical thinking and critique in a range of scholarly contexts

and everyday situations. Takes an expansive approach to critical thinking by exploring concepts from other disciplines, including evidence and justification from philosophy, cognitive biases and errors from psychology, race and gender from sociology and political science, and tropes and symbols from rhetoric Follows the proven format of *The Philosopher's Toolkit* and *The Ethics Toolkit* with concise, easily digestible entries, "see also" recommendations that connect topics, and recommended reading lists Allows readers to apply new critical thinking and reasoning skills with exercises and real life examples at the end of each chapter Written in an accessible way, it leads readers through terrain too often cluttered with jargon Ideal for beginning to advanced students, as well as general readers, looking for a sophisticated yet accessible introduction to critical thinking

On Heroes, Hero-worship, and the Heroic in History - Thomas Carlyle 1852

The End of Men - Christina Sweeney-Baird 2021-04-27

"The End of Men is a fiercely intelligent page-turner, an eerily prescient novel, at once thoughtful and highly emotive." --Paula Hawkins, #1 internationally bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train* Set in a world where a virus stalks our male population, *The End of Men* is an electrifying and unforgettable debut from a remarkable new talent that asks: what would our world truly look like without men? Only men carry the virus. Only women can save us all. The year is 2025, and a mysterious virus has broken out in Scotland--a lethal illness that seems to affect only men. When Dr. Amanda MacLean reports this phenomenon, she is dismissed as hysterical. By the time her warning is heeded, it is too late. The virus becomes a global pandemic--and a political one. The victims are all men. The world becomes alien--a women's world. What follows is the immersive account of the women who have been left to deal with the virus's consequences, told through first-person narratives. Dr. MacLean; Catherine, a social historian determined to document the human stories behind the "male plague"; intelligence analyst Dawn, tasked with helping the government forge a new society; and Elizabeth,

one of many scientists desperately working to develop a vaccine. Through these women and others, we see the uncountable ways the absence of men has changed society, from the personal--the loss of husbands and sons--to the political--the changes in the workforce, fertility, and the meaning of family. In *The End of Men*, Christina Sweeney-Baird turns the unimaginable into the unforgettable. *Why Brilliant People Believe Nonsense* - J. Steve Miller 2015-08-01 The passing of time reveals much expert opinion to be nonsense. How can we evaluate expert opinion and learn to think for ourselves? "In the midst of an information explosion, we face a wisdom deficit," notes author J. Steve Miller. This book, in a remarkably accessible and entertaining way, equips readers to think more clearly, innovate more creatively, see through the deceptions of clever advertisers and salesmen, simplify complex and convoluted arguments, manage life's decisions with more confidence, and express convictions more powerfully. This book is designed to be read by all individuals interested in learning critical and creative thinking skills. It can also be used as a text targeting high school seniors and college freshmen. An accompanying website offers free lesson plans and teaching tips.

Elements of Argumentation - Philippe Besnard 2008

Background and techniques for formalizing deductive argumentation in a logic-based framework for artificial intelligence.

Nonsense - Jamie Holmes 2016-10-11

An illuminating look at the surprising upside of ambiguity—and how, properly harnessed, it can inspire learning, creativity, even empathy Life today feels more overwhelming and chaotic than ever. Whether it's a confounding work problem or a faltering relationship or an unclear medical diagnosis, we face constant uncertainty. And we're continually bombarded with information, much of it contradictory. Managing ambiguity—in our jobs, our relationships, and daily lives—is quickly becoming an essential skill. Yet most of us don't know where to begin. As Jamie Holmes shows in *Nonsense*, being confused is unpleasant, so we tend to shutter our minds as we grasp for meaning and stability, especially in stressful circumstances. We're hard-wired to resolve

contradictions quickly and extinguish anomalies. This can be useful, of course. When a tiger is chasing you, you can't be indecisive. But as Nonsense reveals, our need for closure has its own dangers. It makes us stick to our first answer, which is not always the best, and it makes us search for meaning in the wrong places. When we latch onto fast and easy truths, we lose a vital opportunity to learn something new, solve a hard problem, or see the world from another perspective. In other words, confusion—that uncomfortable mental place—has a hidden upside. We just need to know how to use it. This lively and original book points the way. Over the last few years, new insights from social psychology and

cognitive science have deepened our understanding of the role of ambiguity in our lives and Holmes brings this research together for the first time, showing how we can use uncertainty to our advantage. Filled with illuminating stories—from spy games and doomsday cults to Absolut Vodka's ad campaign and the creation of Mad Libs—Nonsense promises to transform the way we conduct business, educate our children, and make decisions. In an increasingly unpredictable, complex world, it turns out that what matters most isn't IQ, willpower, or confidence in what we know. It's how we deal with what we don't understand.