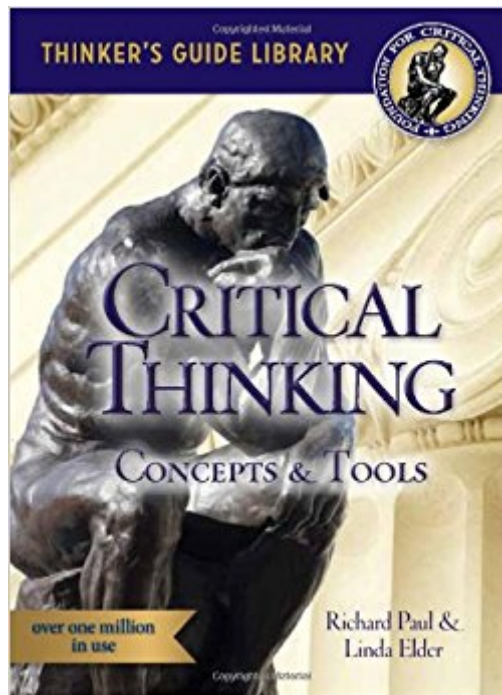


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It reminded me of some things I'd forgotten.....good refresher.

Great college reference - well worth the money. Thank you-

This is a fantastic mini pocket sized guide that can be completed in twenty minutes and then referred to easily and quickly when needed. If 30 Days is considered a workbook on using the ideas of Elder and Paul then this guide takes the meat of their work, providing templates for the analysis of work in school or the workplace.

This book was a joke. It's more like a pamphlet, and comes with advertising. It has a "nonprofit" shipping label on it. I cannot even believe that 1) i have a class requiring this pamphlet (i wonder if the professor is the author?) and 2) i had to pay 3.99 plus 3.99 shipping. Had I known, i would have not ordered it and hoped for the best.

The Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking is a fine "primer" or beginning to the study of critical thinking. The study of critical thinking can be applied to almost any facet of modern day life, especially those areas that can or must be analyzed. There are more in-depth books on the subject but for someone interested in exploring a very big subject for a very small price, you can't go wrong with this book. A few examples of detailed rational analysis applications would have earned this book five stars, but I consider that a small drawback. Even if your university curriculum doesn't require this small book, you should get it regardless. It will be tremendously helpful in developing your initial critical thinking skills, and those are skills that can be used every day.

So this book is more of a pamphlet than an actual book. The content that it does have is quite nice. However, this book is essentially useless as pretty much everything can be found online on various websites for free. This was listed as a class requirement for me. Don't believe it.

I enjoyed reading the text in preparation for a writing course I will be teaching. It reinforced what I already knew and provided me with a launchpad from which to begin creating critical thinkers.

I thought this was a normal book - its actually just a tiny pamphlet. That was disappointing. However, the content inside is solid - very well thought out and communicated clearly. I think it would have been much more effective as a small book instead of such a tiny guide.

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