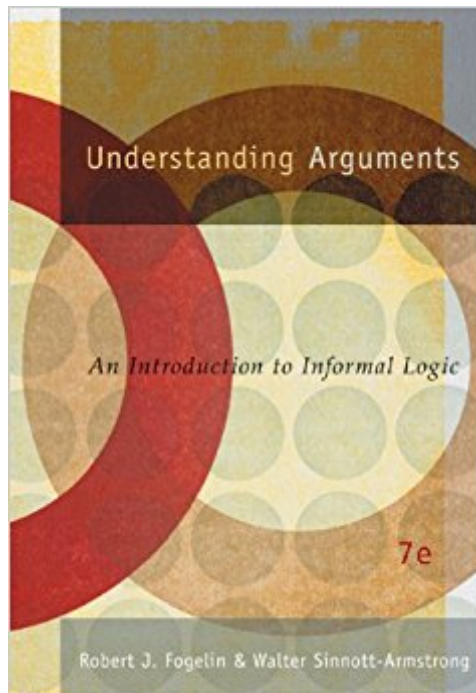




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The kindle version of this book is missing symbols for THEREFOR and OR. Minor issue for me, others may have more problems with it. Besides the improper rendering issue, I felt the book was somewhat shallow and topics were not described very well. The book also does not contain any form of answer key. So you get a lot of questions/problems to work, which is nice, but there are zero answers for them. Also they do not tie everything directly back into understanding arguments. By this I mean taking an op-ed or related material and deconstructing it using everything learned. The only time this is somewhat done is within the first three chapters before learning about deductive and inductive logic.

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