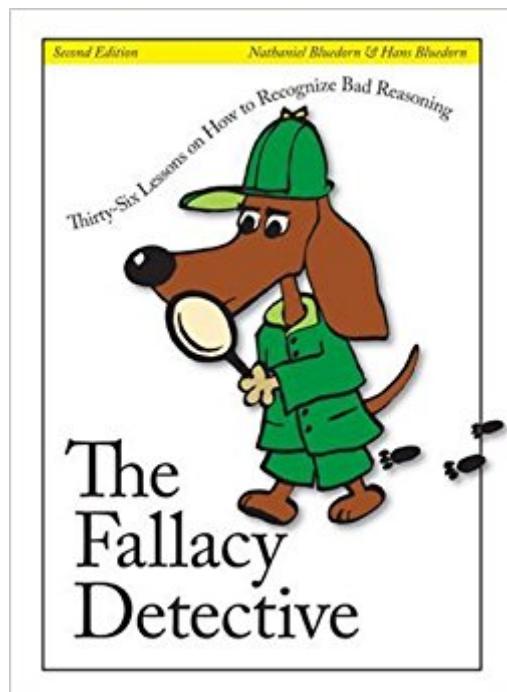


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# The Fallacy Detective: Thirty-Six Lessons On How To Recognize Bad Reasoning, 2nd Edition



## **Synopsis**

What is a fallacy? A fallacy is an error in logic a place where someone has made a mistake in his thinking. A cloud is 90% water. A watermelon is 90% water. Therefore, since a plane can fly through a cloud, a plane can fly through a watermelon. This book meets the needs of parents who want a do-able text for introducing logic and critical thinking to their children.-Fun to use -- not dry like a math textbook.-Self-teaching -- not intimidating, starts students with skills they can use right away.-Each lesson has exercises for students, with an answer key at the back.-Covers logical fallacies and propaganda techniques.-Geared for ages twelve and older.-Includes cartoons to illustrate the logical fallacies discussed, including Peanuts, Dilbert, Calvin and Hobbes.

## **Book Information**

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I love your book! I never knew how much fun logic was until I read your book. P.S. I am 12 years old. - Paul Muenzler --StudentMy family and I are really enjoying your book. Even my youngest son, who is eight, enjoys attempting to answer the questions. Your book was a great introduction to another program that I had purchased. Going directly into that program probably would have bored my children to tears but now they are interested in the concepts of logic. My children became instantly attracted to the program because of the the comic segments but later couldn't put it down. - LaVera, MD --ParentI'm always delighted when two sides that seem mutually opposed come together in harmonious agreement. I'm even more delighted when I've taken one of those sides. In this case, I write of the efforts of Nathaniel and Hans Bluedorn, brothers from Iowa who advocate

homeschooling and create educational materials from a Christian worldview. The fruit of the latest Bluedorn effort is a short text, *The Fallacy Detective*, designed to be a primer in logic for older children, specifically homeschooled Christian children, though the book is intended for anyone who wants to explore the subject. . . . . I find it wonderful that the Bluedorns, among others, are actively reinvigorating the religious world with a healthy dose of independent thought . . . - Andrew C. Thomas (The Tech) --The Tech, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

In 1999 Nathaniel Bluedorn and Hans Bluedorn decided to try to turn their interest in logic into a livelihood by starting Christian Logic.com. Since then, they have written two books on logic for children and adults, *The Fallacy Detective* and *The Thinking Toolbox*. They have recently produced their first DVD, *Logic in 100 Minutes*.

I love working these with my Son. Well thought out and fitting for a 12 year old.

Teen son is learning a lot and actually looks forward to working through each chapter. It will be sticking around for when my upper elementary children are ready for it.

Great way to learn basic fallacies in reasoning. After using this you (and your kids) will see errors in reasoning and explanations everywhere--advertisements, speeches, political debates, and everyday conversations. Simple to follow text with accurate information.

This is a great introduction to the daily and ubiquitous fallacies pervasive in politics and advertising. I wish they would teach this as part of English courses in public school. It helps to arm our children (and ourselves) against manipulation.

Great book, great condition a must read.

With the amount of foolishness in print, online, and in everyday discourse, this book should be required reading. As valuable for kids as it is for adults.

First, I can't believe it never occurred to me to teach our kids such an essential skill. But when I thought about it, logical thinking is missing in a big way in our society on several levels, causing several problems and misunderstandings. This book is witty, well laid out and relevant. You'd have

to adapt it for younger children, but we enjoy quizzing our older ones (answers are in the back). Several people have mentioned homeschooling, but this is essential for all kids (ours are public schooled). A few people have complained about the Christian "flavoring" of the book. For many families it's nice to have a book include that bend. For those not interested, it's not the subject of the book. The book is about logical thinking, and the science is solid. This applies to advertising you read, political debate, as well as discussions with your spouse and kids. I could quickly pick up some of the fallacies right away in my own discussions. I was glad I read about this book in some reviews/recommendations, and we will enjoy it for quite some time. Very entertaining for such a useful book.

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