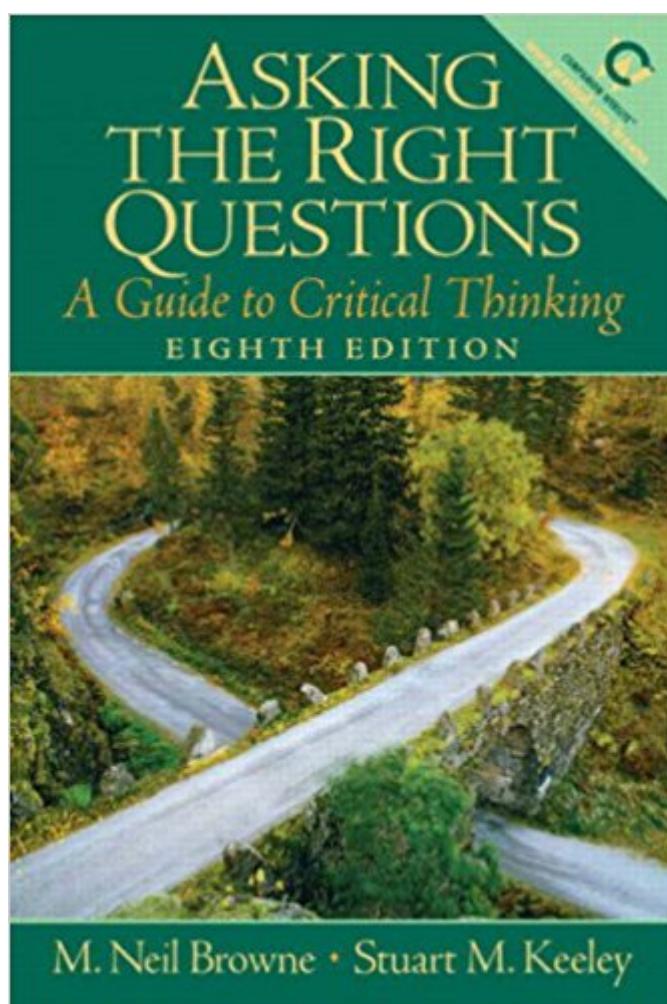


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# Asking The Right Questions: A Guide To Critical Thinking (8th Edition)



## **Synopsis**

The habits and attitudes associated with critical thinking are transferable to consumer, medical, legal, and general ethical choices. When our surgeon says surgery is needed, it can be life sustaining to seek answers to the critical questions encouraged in Asking the Right Questions. This popular book helps bridge the gap between simply memorizing or blindly accepting information, and the greater challenge of critical analysing the things we are told and read. It gives strategies for responding to alternative points of view and will help readers develop a solid foundation for making personal choices about what to accept and what to reject.

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This highly popular text helps students to bridge the gap between simply memorizing or blindly accepting information and the greater challenge of critical analysis and synthesis. It teaches them to respond to alternative points of view and develop a solid foundation for making personal choices about what to accept and what to reject. While the structure of this new edition remains the same, for the sake of currency and relevance about two-thirds of the practice passages are new, as well as many of the longer illustrations and the final critical thinking case. Also, this eighth edition has been revised to emphasize the positive value of critical thinking as a means to autonomy, curiosity, reasonableness, openness, and better decisions.

I used this book as a textbook for an undergraduate introductory philosophy course with a Critical Thinking component - I was asked to put the course together at the last minute, and was searching for a textbook that was not prohibitively expensive. Unfortunately, the under-handed tactics of modern academic publishers make it so that it is nearly impossible to review the contents of any of these kinds of textbooks before purchasing them. Had I been able to do so, I would not have purchased the book because it displays one major shortcoming, namely, the lack of any discussion on the formation of arguments - inductive and deductive reasoning, syllogisms, premises, soundness/validity, etc. That said, the textbook was useful to some extent, although I think the attempt to present current and "hip" examples drawn from popular culture borders on pandering. It did include some good and accessible discussions of the value of critical thinking, as well as information on how to evaluate certain kinds of propositions and statements with a critical eye. And, the exercises included within did provoke some thoughtful responses from my students. However, due mainly to the aforementioned omission, I will not be using this book again. I would consider it more appropriate for high-school students than for college undergraduates.

Useful.

It's a nice book for critical thinking. I feel like the information is common sense, so it was more of a reminder of how to think critically.

This book is so helpfull for all student to understand how can understand other and find real point on the speech and argument.

This is the best book I've read about argumentation so far. The book doesn't waste your time describing the history of argumentation or going through ancient Greek terms as so many other books or courses on the subject do. If you want to improve your argumentation skills in a short time, this is the book to read. It also gives fresh ideas and new angles to more advanced readers. The book contains lots of practice exercises where you can test the skills you've just learned. The chapters about good evidence should be required reading for anyone involved in decision making in organizations. However, this book falls short of teaching how to captivate the audience. If that's what you need, you'd better read a good book on giving presentations first.

This book will help us become more direct and have a formal way of asking questions. that will help us become what we should be.

I read the 6th edition. Very short and easy to read but still powerful; good examples throughout. If you can only read one book on critical thinking, this is it (at least it was when I read it some years ago). But, hopefully, you have more time for the advanced material of the subject ... and the psychology of decision making.

Overall a great read and I would recommend this book to anyone that wants to better their communication skills.

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