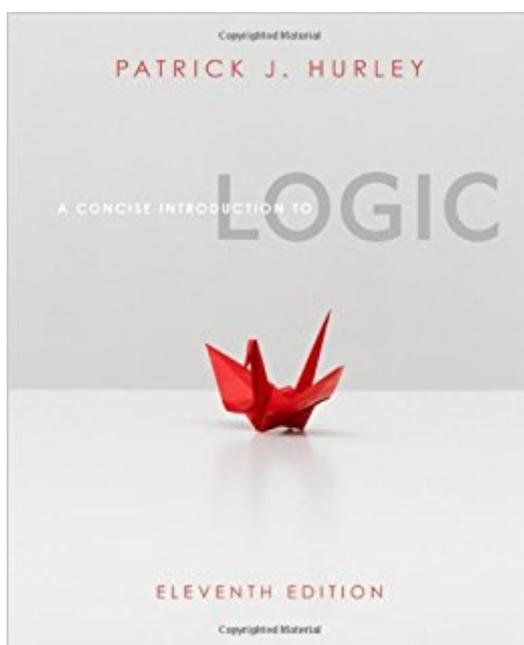


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Normally it's not even worth writing a review for a textbook because the people who buy it don't have a choice (as in my case, where it was the assigned reading). That said, for the pure cathartic value of venting my spleen, I have to say this is one of the worst textbooks I have ever read. I was taking an online class for Logic and, for what it's worth, ended up getting an A in it, no thanks to this book. The book is poorly written, to begin with; it often says "X is Y except in this case, which we'll talk about later..." to the point that you wonder what on earth the point of writing it was anyway. If I tried to follow all of the diversions, I would have blacked out and woke up talking to a smoking caterpillar. The exercises were ridiculous. The ones that were shown in the book were the equivalent of " $1+2 = 3$ " and then from that, they expected you to do calculus equations on your own. After all, they showed you the basics, right? Of course, in some cases, they didn't even show you the baby's first math question. One of my assignments had us do the exercise, which included doing an indirect truth table. After about 50 tries, I appealed to the internet and my brother for help. Apparently you were supposed to do a "branching" truth table because no definitive truth values could be found - did the book explain what a branching table was? How to do it? That you were supposed to do it? Nope! Or there were the times that the answers listed in the back of the book were plain wrong. I did one and was baffled at how I was supposed to get one answer. I sent an email to my professor, who informed me that no, the book's answer was wrong. This happened numerous times.

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