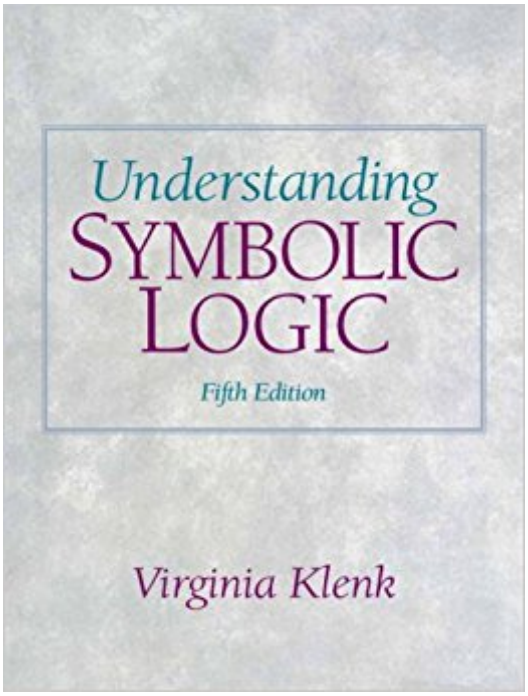
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# Understanding Symbolic Logic (5th Edition)




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This comprehensive introduction presents the fundamentals of symbolic logic clearly, systematically, and in a straightforward style accessible to readers. Each chapter, or unit, is divided into easily comprehended small Ã¢â ¬Å“bitesÃ¢â ¬Â• that enable learners to master the material step-by-step, rather than being overwhelmed by masses of information covered too quickly. The book provides extremely detailed explanations of procedures and techniques, and was written in the conviction that anyone can thoroughly master its content. A four-part organization covers sentential logic, monadic predicate logic, relational predicate logic, and extra credit units that glimpse into alternative methods of logic and more advanced topics. For individuals interested in the formal study of logic.

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This comprehensive introduction to symbolic logic is designed for students with no prior background in logic, philosophy, or mathematics. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Understanding Symbolic Logic Fifth Edition Virginia Klenk Designed for those who have no prior background in logic, philosophy, or mathematics, this comprehensive introduction covers all the standard topics of symbolic logic through relational predicate logic with identity. Understanding Symbolic Logic, Fifth Edition, is completely reader-friendly. All concepts and theories are presented in small "bites," helping you to master the concepts of symbolic logic with confidence.

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This is the older version. There is very little difference between this and the newer version, but it became an issue in our Logic course as there are some newer exercises in the new book. Our professor was understanding and willing to work with us on the exercises, which are definitely different in many places, but which are used in our particular course. That may not be true in your course, but the exercises are very good, both in this book and in the new version. The book explains symbolic logic well and offers adequate instruction on how to break down statements to determine the logic of an argument, or whether a statement actually qualifies as an argument. For the little that I paid I was satisfied. The book that I bought was a brand new hardback and I believe that it was under $10. The book for the course was closer to $120. Some people have criticized this, but symbolic logic is a bit technical, and it may be necessary to reread the information presented in the book and restructure it into your own notes so that you can get the hang of it. I would expect that with any book on this topic. I have seen others, such as the Copi/Cohen book, and it looked to be similarly difficult.

Very helpful with introduction to logic!

got this book for my college class i didnt even need to use the book but i read it anyways its so easy to understand and its very interesting i loved it!

I used this for a college course a couple of years ago. This subject can be hard to grasp after a while, but I still enjoyed it personally. It is not a book to read for the fun of it unless you like challenging material.

A few mistakes/unfinished problems/typos, but otherwise really good at explaining things

This is a decent textbook. The third edition (this edition) is almost EXACTLY identical to the fourth edition, all the exercises are the same, the only difference being the page numbers. Despite being overly wordy in more places than one (see: Unit 1-26, i.e. the whole book...) some of the examples and exercises can be rather amusing. It may seem like an overwhelming amount of material at first, but if you stick with it, it really isn't that difficult. As long as you take it slowly, and your instructor is able to explain things in simpler terms than the book, you'll do just fine.

After reading other authors' volumes on this subject, I read about this one, so, I thought I'd try it. The seller shipped it quickly and the book arrived in great shape. As for the contents, since I like to review multiple sources (you get a broader view), I am alternating chapters between this one and two others. While there is some general repetition in subjects, presentation manner and author learning targets, this is, by no means a mere echo of any of the others. I'm learning thing from this one not in the others -NOT sorry for the purchase.

Writer tends to go on and on in order to explain topic of each chapter in every way he can until the idea becomes confused. But I liked how short the sections were kept for the most part. Renting the book was really easy and cheap.

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