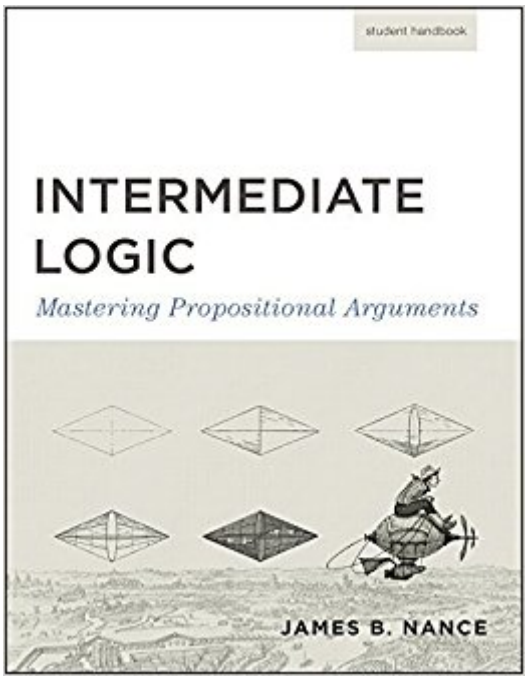
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Since it was used for homeschooling, it could be a little more user-friendly and fun/engaging and more relatable or made easy to understand.

Good information. A bit advanced without any self help info or general examples to bring a person who is new to the logic field up to speed.Very well done for a person in the know. Rather vague to a beginner.

I really enjoy Nance's Logic textbooks. Introductory Logic covers some elements of informal logic (terms, definitions, extension and intension, relationships between statements, etc.) and then gets into Categorical Logic (which I personally think is a lot of fun). Intermediate Logic covers what is known as Propositional Logic which is also sometimes called Symbolic Logic because terms and propositions are symbolized by letters (lowercase being variables, p and q, and uppercase being constants, P and Q) which are joined by logical operators (other symbols which take the place of words for the purpose of making a complicated argument into shorthand so it can be evaluated more easily). You will use Truth Fables, Shorter Truth Tables, Truth Trees, you will learn to do Formal Proofs of Validity and more. These courses are very well laid out and incremental so that you don't get lost very easily. I definitely recommend buying the DVD instructional videos where Nance himself teaches through the material because he brings across some subtleties that don't pop out in the book.As far as getting Logic text books that take you from knowing nothing about Logic to doing some fairly complicated work, there is nothing better than these books that I am aware of. These are distinctly Christian texts, not that it gets much into theology or anything, but it uses biblical examples at times when teaching a lesson. Nance also uses examples, however, from classic texts and people and events throughout history. As a Christian myself, I like it a lot. I think even those not of a Christian persuasion however will find these very useful for learning logic and will not feel overwhelmed by the Christian element in these books. They are not preachy about doctrine, they are simply often used by private schools and home-school families.

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