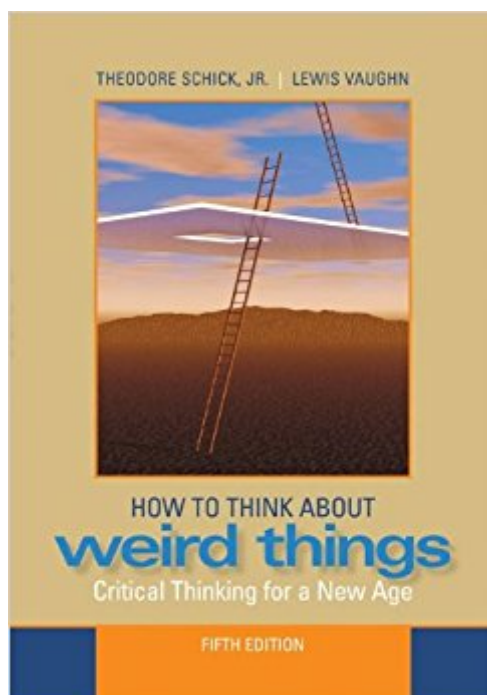


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How To Think About Weird Things: Critical Thinking For A New Age



Synopsis

This brief, inexpensive text helps the reader to think critically, using examples from the weird claims and beliefs that abound in our culture to demonstrate the sound evaluation of any claim. The authors focus on types of logical arguments and proofs, making *How to Think about Weird Things* a versatile supplement for logic, critical thinking, philosophy of science, or any other science appreciation courses.

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Interesting read. This book tests your critical thinking and pushes you to think of "weird things" through the light of the Socratic method and first principle thinking. It builds a good foundation for all learning.

i can truly and honestly say that I think everybody should read this book. In addition to being incredibly interesting and easy to read, the subject matter is very great, and it is one of the easier and clear cut class texts I have ever used.

This book was strange, but it spoke alot about logic and reason. Not a bad read.

What a Hoot. I loved the book and the ideas other people came up with. Some ideas are weird, but some are just plain crazy. If I stray into "CRAZY" I hope a friend or two will make a comment. Best to everyone!

This book was a required book in a college class I had to take. Did learn some things from it.

You can either think about weird things and let it bother you or you can analyze it. This book was a fun read and worth the purchase. Also, it was a textbook for a philosophy class.

Informative, easy reading

Not only is this book really informative, it's also entertaining. It goes through most of the 'weird' stories that you have probably heard. Stories like the monster of Loch Ness, Bigfoot, near-death experiences, mediums, haunted houses, etc. And it analyzes each of these claims with a framework built on top of logic and the scientific method. The authors do a pretty good job of giving each of these issues a fair treatment. E.g. they don't claim that UFOs are non-existent, or impossible to exist. They just claim that for the set of phenomena reported as UFOs, there are other, simpler, explanations. Somewhere in the book it says "The more a theory contradicts your existing beliefs, the more suspicious you should be of it" (paraphrasing). What I'm driving at is that if you have a lot of beliefs about weird things, like ESP, etc. you will find a lot of the things in this book hard to swallow. If you're already a skeptic you'll be nodding your head a lot. However, if you believe in something and are trying to convince someone else to believe it too, the tools in this book are probably the only ones that will accomplish the deed.

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