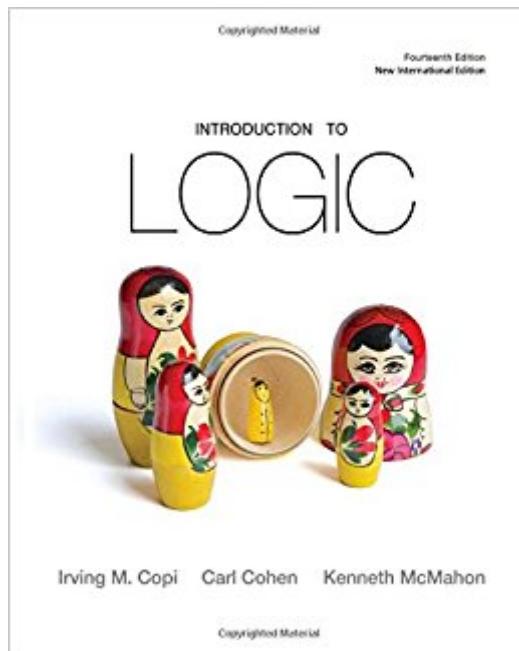


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There are times where the concepts aren't explained well enough and other times where they're explained excessively to that point that it feels like you're reading the same thing over and over again. The logic syntax used in the book doesn't always match up with other sources so it can be confusing to keep the symbols straight. Also, it's incredibly boring for a non-Philo major, but that's more on the material than the book.

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