

## BOOK REVIEW

### **A Rule Book for Arguments, 5<sup>th</sup> edition**

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The title should be read in an academic context i.e. not everyday squabble. The book is a slim at just 102 pages and is meant for use as a desk reference to assist students and faculty to check the logic developed or presented to them in a thesis or dissertation. The book comprises ten sections divided into 50 chapters as follows:

#### **Introduction**

#### **Part I Short arguments Some General Rules.**

Comprises six chapters

#### **Part II Arguments by Example.**

Comprises five chapters.

#### **Part III Arguments by Analogy.**

Comprises one chapter.

#### **Part IV Arguments From Authority**

Comprises five chapters.

#### **Part V Arguments About Causes.**

Comprises four chapters.

#### **Part VI Part VI Deductive Arguments.**

Comprises seven chapters.

#### **Part VII Extended Arguments.**

Comprises five chapters.

#### **Part VIII Argumentative Essays.**

Comprises six chapters.

#### **Part IX Oral Arguments.**

Comprises five chapters.

#### **Part X Public Debates.**

Comprises six chapters.

#### **Appendix I Some Common Fallacies.**

#### **Appendix II Definitions comprises three sections D1 to D3.**

#### **Resources.**

**Conclusion** This book is highly recommended to faculty for checking the validity of the types of arguments presented and for students developing such arguments as part of their research questions, hypotheses as part of their literature review and their conclusions. A distinct advantage of this text is that wording is both precise and concise. Careful initial reading chapter by chapter is suggested. and the book should be kept as a desk reference within easy reach for referral. The author of this book has written a comprehensive Workbook which provides additional examples to those provided in the Rulebook for those who might need a more comprehensive resource.