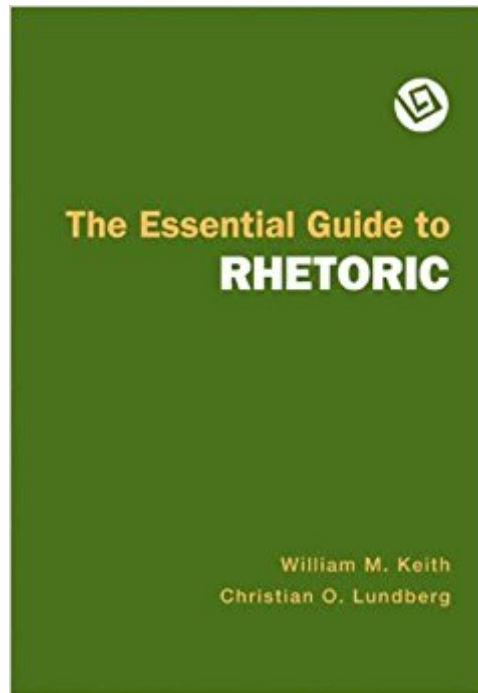




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Gaining an understanding of rhetorical theory and its practical applications is a critical component to effective and competent communication. The Essential Guide to Rhetoric provides an accessible and balanced overview of the core historical and contemporary theories. It uses concrete, relevant examples and jargon-free language to bring these concepts to life. The guide helps students move from concept to action with discussions of invention, the traditions of trope, argument and speech, among others. This handy guide is an excellent addition to the public speaking class, extending and deepening crucial concepts, and an indispensable supplement to the rhetorical theory class.

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When reading anything on rhetoric, one must determine what the author even means by the term. This valuable, little work starts with an analysis of the different definitions of rhetoric. How helpful since other works I've looked at tend to assume a certain definition and run with it.

Although I have been practicing much of what is included in this book for most of my adult life, I had never taken a formal class in rhetoric or communication for the matter. I found "The Essential Guide to Rhetoric" informative and interesting. That said, I do believe that the author's claim of contemporary situation relevance is a bit of a stretch. Although the author writes a bit about email, little to no attention (examples or illustration) is given to mixed media, group publishing, or social media, but for my use, this was of little consequence.

Very limited in scope. But, exactly what a high school or college student needs to clarify the tiny amount of rhetoric taught in school. Appropriate for a basic rhetorical analysis paper.

This is a short, clear guide that introduces the college freshman to how arguments get framed. I found it helpful but a bit dry. Motivated students will get something out of it.

Short, concise, thorough text on the basics of rhetoric. Students appreciate the directness and clarity!

It was decent.

Pretty good.

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