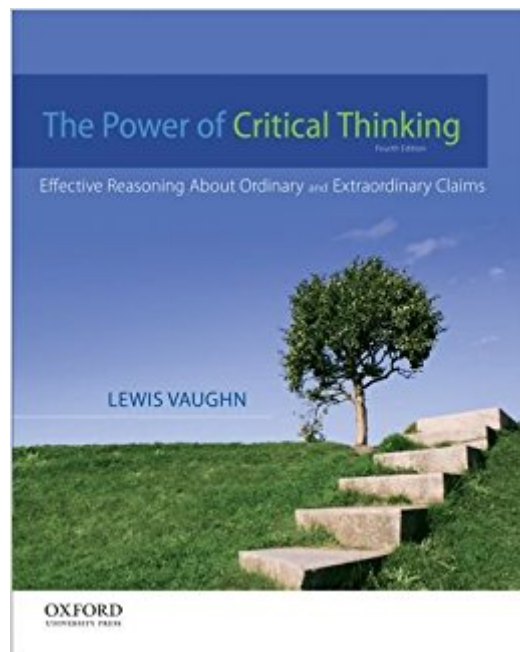




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# The Power Of Critical Thinking: Effective Reasoning About Ordinary And Extraordinary Claims



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