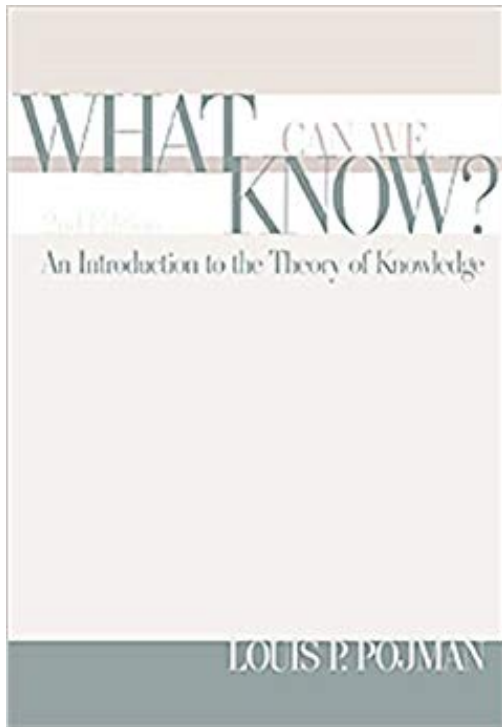


# What Can We Know?: An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge *by* Louis P. Pojman



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This book analyzes the central topics in epistemology such as truth, justification, and belief. The coverage is comprehensive, ranging from skepticism to religious belief (belief and acceptance). The most comprehensive book in the field, it is written in a friendly, conversational manner without unnecessary philosophical jargon or needless logical symbols.



## Reviews of the **What Can We Know?: An Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge** *by* Louis P. Pojman

Kulalbine

It was in a very good condition.

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Pojman presents here not a full analysis of epistemology, but rather a general overview. As such, he describes the different schools of thought in terms of their basic defining characteristics. Then he goes on to describe some of the criticisms that have been or could be raised against each approach. Both of these things, Pojman does well.

Again, this is not an indepth treatise on the field but a concise and well articulated introduction. For someone new to the field, I would definitely recommend it as a solid starting point. After this book, one should jump into the various collections of "readings in epistemology" of which there are so many.

Drelalen

A friend asked me whether he should buy the first edition for around \$25 or the second for around \$1.50. My response is below. I hope this helps anyone making the same decision!

Here's what Pojman said about the changes from first to second editions:

"I have made the following revisions for this edition: added a section on theories of truth to chapter 1, reversed the order of the two chapters on skepticism (chapters 2 and 3), revised the arguments in chapters 5 and 7 on coherentism, on externalism in chapter 8, and on naturalism in chapter 10. I have also added an introductory 'Word to the Student.' I trust and believe these and other minor improvements have resulted in a better book." (Preface to the 2nd ed., p. xiv)

The revised arguments and added section on theories of truth seem like they're important enough to pay the extra money.

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To see the first edition, search for the ISBN : 0534248349. There are cheaper copies available, and as the other reviewer states, there have been few substantial changes between editions.

Akinonris

In my one-year course of epistemology this book was used as a textbook. It is, occasionally, difficult to appreciate the point of the author's argument. In addition, the organization of the material seems somewhat confusing (for a student who does not major in philosophy). For example, it made me quite exhausted in trying to recognize what are the arguments and objections of the quartet solutions (to the Gettier problem).

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I purchased this used book for a class I am auditing for a College class. Interesting and thought provoking notion on what do we Know. It came in good condition.

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