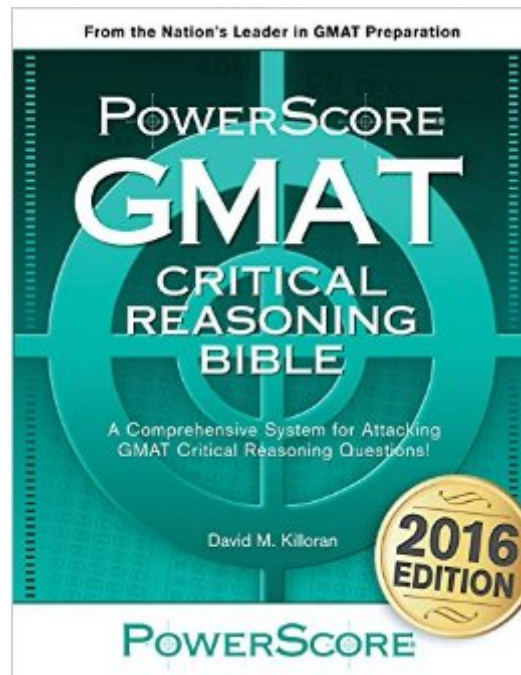


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# The PowerScore GMAT Critical Reasoning Bible



## Synopsis

The PowerScore GMAT Critical Reasoning Bible will teach you how to break down GMAT argumentation, how to recognize GMAT question types, and how to separate correct answers from incorrect answers. You will improve your accuracy in answering questions and your speed as well. If you are shooting for the highest score possible, the Critical Reasoning Bible will help you maximize your performance. The approaches discussed in the Critical Reasoning Bible are also useful when attacking Reading Comprehension questions. The Critical Reasoning Bible is supplemented by an exclusive website that provides additional material for the book, including suggested study plans and answers to frequently asked student questions. About the Author Dave Killoran, a graduate of Duke University, is an expert in test preparation with over 20 years of experience teaching classes for graduate school admissions tests. In addition to having written PowerScore's legendary LSAT Bible Series, and many other popular publications, Dave has overseen the preparation of thousands of students and founded two national test preparation companies. Read the acclaim for some of PowerScore's other publications: The PowerScore LSAT Logic Games Bible, The PowerScore GMAT Sentence Correction Bible, and The PowerScore GMAT Verbal Bible.

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Defenitely deserves the title and what'smore, this book can be a very quick reference, making it very practical and helpful. Don't be afraid to buy a whole book for this question type. All the other books (Princeton, Kaplan, Official Guide, etc...) do not cover this GMAT speciality topic in depth. This book

will clear all your doubts about how to solve and how to think about CR questions. It also provides a quick reference. For example, if you think you need to review how to best think about "Weaken" questions, you can very easily in five minutes read the section summary and be confident again. Tomorrow is my exam and in 1/2an hour I reviewd the whole book!This book clearly divides the CR question types into ten and not eight like most of the other question types and believe me knowing the question type is a fundamental that you need to master. Even more, it gives you innovative specific techniques for each question type, example, Fact Test, Variance Test, Assumption Negation Techniques. All these techniques are simplifying techniques that allow you to intelligently tackle CR questions.The book also discusses why its techniques are different from and better than those of other books. Eg: This book unlike Princeton (I am not Against Princeton, in fact I think it is much better than Kaplan) teaches you and convinces you to read the Argument first and then question.By exactly knowing what you should do for each question type you can become an expert in solving CR questions. The thinking process becomes "automatic" one, that is you don't have to think really hard because the strategies that you learned become natural.I recommend this book to anyone seriously preparing for the GMAT.

==== 2015 UPDATE =====Powerscore released a new 2015 edition of the book. It has had some updates - several chapters have been completely updated with new overview, examples and new problem sets. Navigation has also been improved. It has grown too by about 70 pages (in part due to having more white space and in part due to content). Not a light book at 370 pages but definitely very very comprehensive overview of pretty much everything. Don't expect to see too much fluff, the book gets right to it. Though after MGMAT has improved their CR book (currently in its 6th edition), I would have given this book 3-4 stars, the latest revision seems to provide a good alternative to the Veritas Prep/MGMAT books.==== 2009 Review =====Though pretty similar to Manhattan GMAT book, it offers more practice questions in the book and has a slightly better overview of the Critical Reasoning questions.~~~ Strengths: ~~~1. In-depth overview of the Critical Reasoning strategies and approaches to questions2. Clearly divides the CR question types and provides specific strategy for each type as well as the pitfalls and common errors. You will also get to know how the CR questions are made.3. Good quality GMAT-like practice questions4. Created by the authors of the best LSAT books (LSAT logic section is much harder than CR on the GMAT; there is actually a decent amount of overlap in this book with the LSAT book). Speaking of which, for extra hardcore (and absolutely not necessary but still), you can get the PowerScore LR book (comes with quite a few LSAT questions)~~~ Weaknesses: ~~~1. Could use more practice questions (more than mgmat

though); you will need to find another source of CR questions such as GMAT Official guide 12 or the verbal supplement to the Official Guide (though the verbal OG has questions on the easier side)<sup>2</sup>. Some explanations are too convoluted<sup>3</sup>. No tests or online exercises/additional content~~~~ My Suggestions ~~~~- Read explanations to every question. Even if you got a question right, it does not mean, you solved it correctly (that is you used the correct approach or found all the shortcuts). You will be surprised sometimes and will pick up helpful tips even from explanations of questions you answered correctly- Follow the actual strategies (DUH). This is probably the most common mistake people make - they start inventing their own approaches. Don't do it until you have a high verbal score. If you don't, just follow!- If you don't have any Manhattan GMAT books, you want to get at least one, as each comes with access to 6 online CAT tests (these tests are worth the purchase). There is not a whole lot of value to get both Powerscore CR and MGMAT CR; the content is by large the same. Good luck on your GMAT! BB, Founder of GMAT Club GMAT 750 (q49, v42)

I took my first GMAT and scored 670 (Q44 V38). After evaluating my performance, I realized that CR was definitely a weak spot, so I browsed [...] and found many recommendations for PowerScore's CR Bible. I purchased the book just two weeks before my GMAT re-take and studied the book religiously. After a basic understanding of the principles (identifying premise and conclusion, etc...), I re-took the GMAT and scored 750 (Q49 V44). As you can see, my verbal score jumped six points - I attribute much of that improvement to the principles I learned in this book. So, get this book early in your GMAT preparation and understand these fundamentals before tackling the OG problems. Good luck!

To improve your score across the board in the verbal section, you need to first improve your critical reasoning skills. It not improved my critical reasoning section score but also had a direct impact on my comprehensive reading section score. I would recommend this book to anyone that wants to improve the verbal score to beyond the 90th percentile.

I took Powerscore's LSAT prep class 2 years ago. If any of you have taken the LSAT before, you'll know that the LSAT critical reasoning questions are slightly more comprehensive than the GMAT questions. Regardless, I thought that Powerscore's LSAT classroom materials were very well organized and had a straight-forward methodology. Imagine my surprise when I opened this book and found the materials to be very similar, if not the same! (I did find several instances in the book where "LSAT" appeared instead of "GMAT") If you find the Critical Reasoning questions of the

GMAT to be challenging, and you actually want to understand the approach to answering these questions, as opposed to memorizing "short cuts", then I would recommend this book to you. If you belong to the other camp, then you might not want to consider it at all.

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