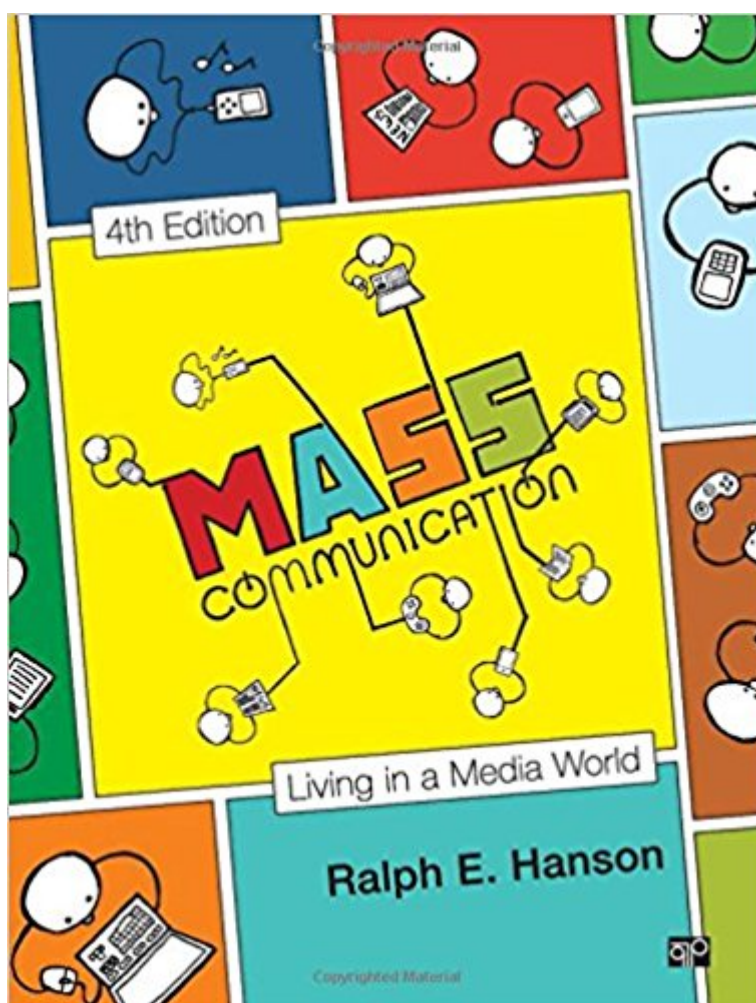


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# Mass Communication: Living In A Media World (Media And Public Opinion), 4th Edition



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Very up to date (with its January 2014 publication date) this book does indeed read like something you might read anyway in your leisure time if you were interested in Mass Media. The author's style is easy to read, thorough, and humorous without going overboard. The chapters read like incisive magazine articles about their topics. The extras and sidebars are always fascinating as well. His suggestions have had me scrambling to websites to check things out or do further research. I am taking this course right now and I never dread the chapter reading assignments with this textbook.

Thanks

Using humor and strong, memorable examples, this book did a marvelous job of teaching the points. It did not stray from them, either, and was very organized, at the same time reinforcing lessons that had been previously learned. I enjoyed using this textbook very much. However, I would recommend buying the most recent edition, as Mass Communications is one of the fastest-changing fields of study, due to evolving and new technologies.

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I bought this for my Mass Communications class this quarter at college. First off, it arrived very quickly, which is necessary at the beginning of the quarter when classes are starting. I read a little into the book before the class started, but once the class started and we got readings assigned, I started getting into this book. It is written in a clear way, with the time line at the beginning of each chapter and with a lot of interesting information. I would certainly suggest reading this book to media aficionados or people interested in the history of mass communications.

I love the price of this book! So glad I could buy this one, and not the 5th edition! It has pretty much all the same information!

This was a book I needed for class, but only if the teacher actually tested on what was read, ugh!! but a great book.

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