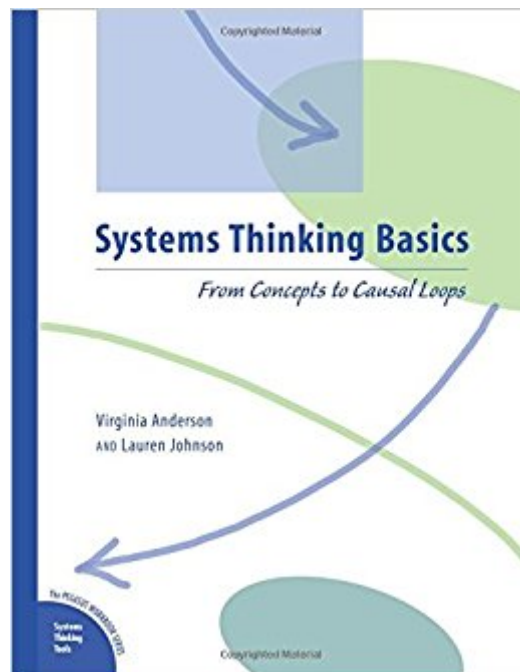




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hands on, self guided, blending of book and workbook I've ever seen on the topic. If you want to
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Useful workbook. Could use a little more clarification with some of the exercises and examples.

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