

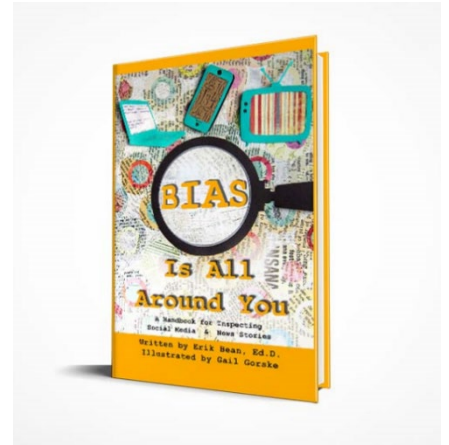
## Erik Bean, Ed.D.'s Bias Is All Around You Book Offers a Practical Approach to Advancing Information Literacy Before, During, and After National News Literacy Week: Jan. 23-27, 2023



*Bias Is All Around You: A Handbook for Inspecting Social Media & News Stories helps readers separate fact from fiction in any published piece of information and in any format.*

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In today's digital age, the dangers of information bias have become clear: from political uprisings to the spread of misinformation to threats to our mental health, change is necessary to ensure responsible civil discourse and protect the sanctity of our society as a whole. With *Bias Is All Around You: A Handbook for Inspecting Social Media & News Stories*, author Erik Bean, Ed.D., presents a practical way to chart a new discourse, one that uses information wisely, with prudence, and goodwill. The book offers a thorough, multi-dimensional set of research-based tools and resources designed to teach readers not only what bias is and how to identify it, but how to inspect and interpret information more generally and engage with media responsibly, carefully, and, above all else, critically. In addition to its core subjects of bias and critical thinking, the book includes specific topics such as testing journalistic sources, understanding logical fallacies, and assessing literary style, all designed to help readers be more confident when using and sharing information.



*"Anyone can be a victim of misinformation regardless of their education and status. But everyone must use information wisely with prudence and goodwill before sharing and subscribing to it,"* says author Erik Bean. With over 25 years' experience in higher and secondary education, Dr. Bean was awarded a First Place 2022 Henry Ford Innovation Nation award for his work on media literacy and information bias studies. As a sought-after speaker and multi-award-winning author, Dr. Bean has established himself as one of the foremost experts in media literacy, with an ultimate goal of helping people from all walks of life learn to separate facts from fiction in any piece of information. *"The [book] was written to help people assess fake news, false narratives, and understand how algorithms affect much of the misinformation, click bait, and rumors bombarding them daily inside and outside of social media."*

In the book, Dr. Bean adopts a thoughtful approach to developing information literacy that focuses on the effects of media bias on individuals, not just society at large. It is a deliberate, somewhat uncommon appeal to entice readers to do their due diligence at a time when such self-advocacy is crucial, and it resonates as intended. Furthermore, Bean manages to cover a rather comprehensive scope of interrelated topics in a way that situates readers to see the big picture; information and media literacy is about more than just identifying bias, though an inability to assess bias is arguably the most dangerous element of today's media landscape. In addition to discussing the 7 sources of all bias information and how to spot them, the book also features a one-page Bias Assessment Form readers can use to rate the objectivity of virtually any source they encounter. With this, Dr. Bean makes clear his commitment to taking concepts that are otherwise kept just out of reach of ordinary citizens and making them accessible to all.

Bias Is All Around You has been endorsed by well-renowned literary organizations and reviewers around the world. Kirkus Reviews writes, “*Bean provides readers with essential tools to assess the validity and bias of social media offerings and news reports...[this book is] a timely and valuable primer on how to assess sources.*”

In today’s media saturated society, Bias is All Around You is a must-read. Available for sale on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Nook, and other online bookstores, the book offers an invaluable opportunity to address your own critical thinking and protect yourself from the bias coming at you from every direction. Readers are encouraged to purchase their copy today: <https://www.amazon.com/Bias-All-Around-You-Inspecting/dp/1734474416/>

## About the Author

Dr. Erik Bean, a Henry Ford Innovation Nation [First Place 2022 Teacher](#) for his work on media literacy studies, also is a recipient of numerous 2022 book awards (gold and silver) for his 57-page book, Bias Is All Around You: A Handbook for Inspecting Social Media & News Stories. Erik has more than 25 years’ experience in higher, secondary, and elementary education and holds a master’s in journalism and a doctorate in education. He works with [Media Literacy Now](#) as its Michigan representative and engages on the topic inside academia and in industry. To learn more, please visit: <https://biashandbook.com/>

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