

Explicit examples of logical fallacies in

Love is a Fallacy by Max Shulman

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A dicto simpliciter ("an argument based on an unqualified generalization") - the example given in the story is:

Hasty generalization (or "fallacy of insufficient sample") - example given in the story is:

Post hoc ergo propter hoc ("after it, therefore because of it", or "confusing coincidental relationships with cause") - from the story:

Contradictory Premises ("self-contradiction") - from the story:

Ad Misericordiam ("appeal to pity") - example given in the story:

False Analogy - example from the text:

Argumentum ad speculum ("hypothesis contrary to fact") - from the text:

Poisoning the Well - (a specialization of ad hominem) - from the story:

Implicit Fallacies

Red herring ("wild goose chase") - from the text (hint: Look to the story for the chase, but what at the end makes it a "wild goose" chase):

False premise- For this fallacy, we must look to the tale itself. (hint: How does the narrator make an initial logical fallacy in his pursuit of Polly?)

Below, illustrate one of the fallacies from the short story: