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Abstract: Suppose that an author, i.e. a writer or speaker, has presented a deductively invalid argument. Suppose also that there is an interpreter who has reason to assume that the author intends to present a valid argument and who wants to follow the rules of charitable interpretation. How can she go about interpreting the author's reasoning as (enthymematically) valid? We suggest replacing the usual find-the-missing-premise approach by an approach based on systematic efforts to ascribe a belief state to the author against the background of which the argument has to be evaluated. Different degrees of interpretive charity can be exercised. This is one reason for the fact that the interpretation or reconstruction of an enthymematic argument typically does not result in a unique outcome.