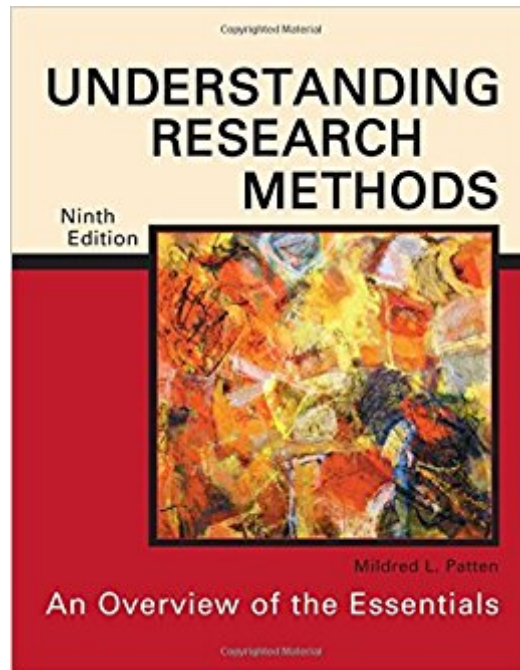




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# **Understanding Research Methods: An Overview Of The Essentials**



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Designed for students who are getting lost in the details of research methods and not getting the big picture, this short book provides an overview of the essential concepts traditionally covered in a research methods class. Lively examples on contemporary topics stimulate students' interest and show the relevance of research methods to their everyday lives. Divided into short sections, this book makes it easy for you to give customized assignments. Assign only the sections your students need. Shows students how to interpret statistics without computations. Factual Questions at the end of each section allow students to check their comprehension. Questions for Discussion stimulate classroom dialogue. New to this edition: Five new sections on in-text citations and reference lists have been added. Numerous changes have also been made for consistency with the latest editions of the APA and ASA Style manuals, and new examples have been added.

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level APA edition - I could not find any reference to the edition you used for the book examples. I am using the 6th.

I received the 8th edition. If you are expecting a good book on how to do research from idea to completion, this isn't the book for you. This is an OVERVIEW. Now if you wanted to know the essentials of research methods, then this book is one of the most easily comprehended, well-organized books. Patten breaks everything down by easily referenced topics grouped in sections. In the 8th ed. there are websites listed in one of the appendices, some of the addresses have been updated since 2008. I don't know if the 9th ed. reflects those changes since they sent me the wrong edition, but if you are going to reference those sites you might want to make sure you have the updated information first.

The text has great information. It can be hard to get through but I think it has more to do with the topic than anything else. The author tries to make it as relatable as possible.

This is a great introduction of research methods. I liked that it was simple and very straightforward explanations of the basics. However, as grateful as I was for the easy read 1-2 pages per topic, there were times that it failed to address the concepts adequately and could've used an extra page or so of further explanation.

I did not find this book to be a very good guide for writing a research proposal. I found it vague and not well organized. Certainly not worth the money. I will not be keeping this one in my library.

While it's not my subject of choice, the book is clearly written and breaks down complicated concepts well overall. It helped me for my Research Methods class, that's for sure.

Does not go into details. Chapters are too short and don't give very good explanations of the concepts. It was required for a class.

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