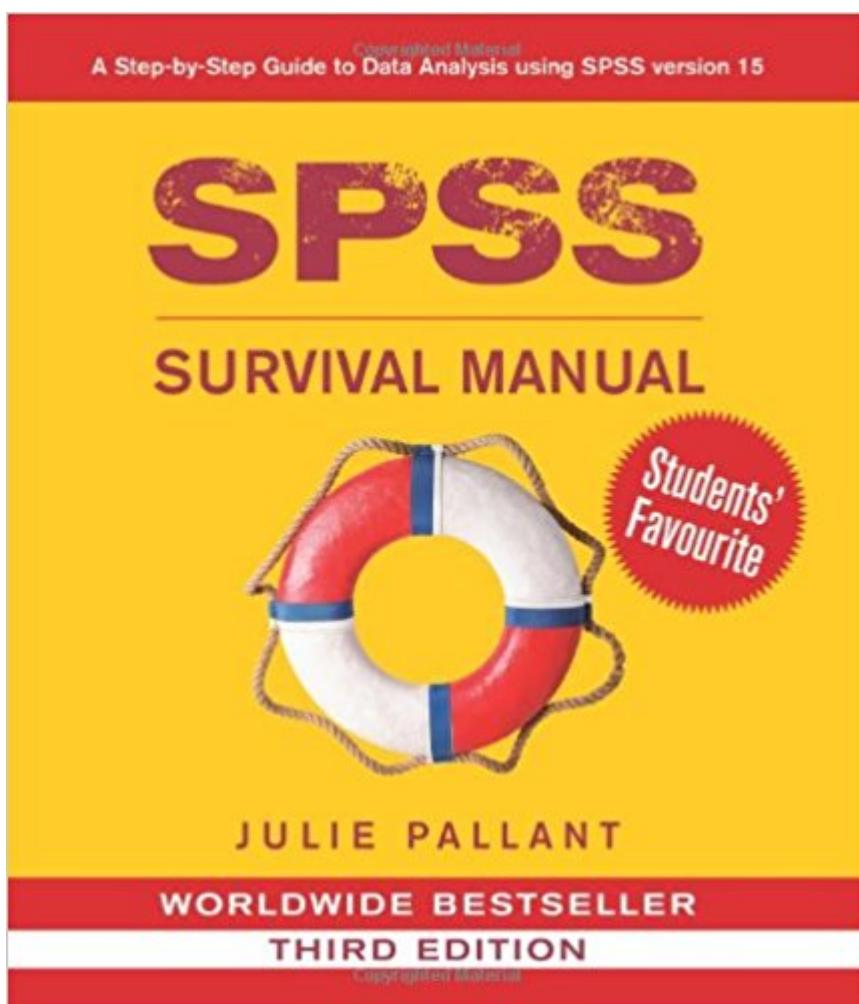


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Good overall, but no advanced information on syntax or special situations or designs. Screenshots and interpretations are helpful. Just don't expect anything too detailed. Would probably be helpful for MA students and beginning PhDs. As a doctoral candidate, it didn't quite include everything I had hoped. Still, useful and it'll stay on my bookshelf to be pulled out now & again when I'm working with unfamiliar but basic designs or writing up results. Does a nice job including assumptions for the model, how to check them, and how to interpret them--without too much jargon :)

I will have to say this one, "SPSS Survival Manual" is the winner. I've owned this book and a few others on SPSS and/or multivariate data analysis for several years. However, a friend of mine recently called me and asked me how to do a few less ordinary things in SPSS. After spending some time on the phone with him I decided to look back at these books and suggest/give one to my friend. I think the "SPSS Survival Manual" by Julie Pallant is somewhat of an easier read for the graduate student or market researcher who wants to quickly look up a certain how-to topic for SPSS. "Discovering Statistics Using SPSS for Windows" by Andy Field, on the other hand goes into more detail on the statistics behind the techniques in SPSS. This one reads a little more like a text book though and can be a bit dry/technical unless this is your thing. I tested the two by seeing which

would do a better job of explaining how to conduct a Factor Analysis (PCA) in SPSS. "Discovering Statistics..." by Andy Field would have lost my friend right away, and by page three or four is listing formulas and quadrant plots. "SPSS Survival Manual" by Pallant on the other hand got into the 'how to' part rather quickly with clear to follow examples. If you're like my friend/more into getting it done quickly and correctly without getting bogged down with the academic detail, then definitely purchase the "SPSS Survival Manual". If on the other hand you're not scared of a little extra math/statistics and have the extra time, you may want to think about "Discovering Statistics". However, for the hard core multivariate analytics people, neither of these books will due. I would suggest something like "Multivariate Data Analysis" by Hair, Anderson, Tatham, & Black. This goes a few steps beyond Andy Fields Book. Hope this helps someone. Tom Anderson

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This book has been a lifesaver. I am a graduate student and I find myself reaching for this book very often. We all take tons of stats courses, but we end up losing what we don't use. This book is the perfect refresher. It includes example outputs and explains exactly how to read them. It also outlines the assumptions of specific tests in a clear and easy-to-understand format. Even better, the companion site comes with practice data sets. This makes life much easier when you are trying to practice certain statistical analyses and need to double check your work. I highly recommend this book as a supplement. It is worth every penny.

Anyone wanting to use SPSS just MUST get this book - especially if you are working on your dissertation! She makes it easy and understandable with her step by step process. Unless you are a super-sophisticated statistician, you will be so glad you got this book! I have recommended it to my other doctoral cohorts and they agree with me - even my chairperson of my committee who is a statistical genius highly recommends it!

I have searched and read some SPSS books and I consider the SPSS Survival Manual the best book for the first SPSS course to learn SPSS. There are several reasons. First, the book is very concise and the author guides you step-by-step to learn how to use SPSS menu. Unlike some books that describe the SPSS use in a very wordy way, this author guides you through how to perform a t-test in several steps, for instance, and then shows you how to interpret the output in a detailed manner. The book is about 330 pages and contains many SPSS outputs, and thus it is possible to finish in a short time. ~Second, the author covers essential statistics that you would encounter in the beginning of the statistics class. Beside that the part one (Getting started) and part

two (Preparing the data file) include how to manipulate data, the part three (preliminary analyses) and part four (Statistical techniques) include descriptive statistics and correlation, multiple regression, factor analyses, t-test, one-way ANOVA, two-way ANOVA, MANOVA, ANCOVA, and non-parametric statsitics. You will have a general idea about the applied statistics once you go through the book. There are some limitations about this book. First, the book is in a spiral binding (not paper or hardcover) and thus is easy to damage the book cover (although it is easy to open and read). Second, I wish that this book also include more advanced statistics such as ROC, Time Series, and Survival analysis. But I guess that it is beyond the scope of this book. Otherwise, that would be nice. Therefore, I personally strongly recommend this book for someone who would like to get into SPSS. This book will save you plenty of time.

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