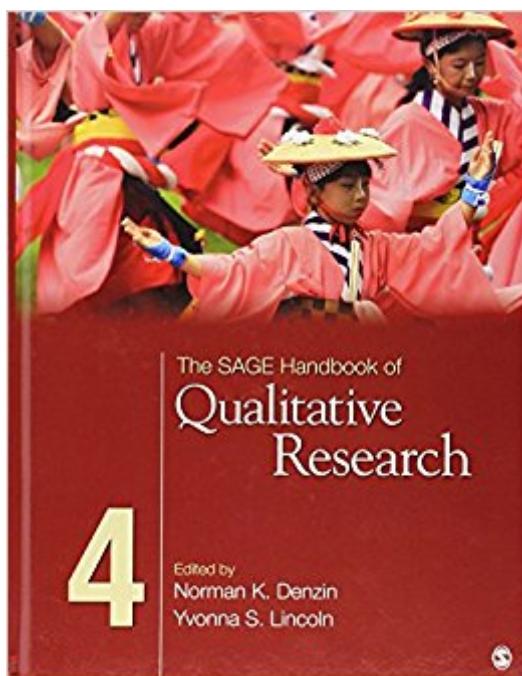


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Hi. It's a very good book for people who have a misconception on qualitative analysis. It gives a good classification of the different types of qualitative analysis so readers can have a full picture of what they are all about of their past, present, and future, the merits, deficiencies, and functions of each type of qualitative analysis. It is definitely a very valuable book especially when this field is growing so fast that people will easily get lost of what they are all about. The book is value for money. It is worth to own a copy as the binding is in hardcover that make it more durable even under frequent reading or reference searching. At first, I hesitate whether to buy it or not fearing that it will soon be outdated and no bookshelf space to put. However, after detail reading of the various articles, I find that majority of them have values that can stand against the test of time. If these articles have to be taken out due to new ideas coming out in the future version, I think readers still have to refer to them otherwise their understanding to this field will be incomplete. I think if you read all the articles in it. It will benefit you for life in all kinds of professions. Patrick from Hong Kong.

The Sage books are usually wonderful, especially for students, but this book contained articles that were not useful to me. Our class purchased it then changed books because even the instructor disliked it. If you have to buy it for a class, you have to buy it, but I would not recommend it otherwise.

I hope SAGE re-publishes the 3rd edition. The 4th edition is such a disappointment. I used the 3rd edition as a prescribed text in a research methods course that I teach. I was compelled by university requirements to replace the 3rd edition with the 4th edition. I removed the 4th edn as the prescribed text as soon as possible, i.e. at the end of semester..

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Don't buy it unless you have an earlier edition because the authors frequently refer to the prior edition. Not for beginners. It is written to impress other scholars of qualitative inquiry.

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