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# Designing Qualitative Research



## Synopsis

Addressing the complexity, flexibility, and controversies of qualitative research—across many genres, *Designing Qualitative Research*, Sixth Edition gives students, research managers, policy analysts, and applied researchers clear, easy-to-understand guidance on designing qualitative research. While maintaining a focus on the proposal stage, this best-selling book takes readers from selecting a research genre through building a conceptual framework, data collection and interpretation, and arguing the merits of the proposal. Extended discussions cover strategies that researchers can use to address the challenges posed by postmodernists, feminists, and critical race theorists, as well as others who interrogate historical qualitative inquiry. The book also includes thoughtful discussion on trustworthiness and ethics, in addition to dealing with time, resource, and political stressors inherent to the research process. Throughout the book, authors Catherine Marshall and Gretchen B. Rossman emphasize the importance of being systematic but also inspire readers with potential "Aha!" moments and opportunities to do research in close connection with people and communities.

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This is a helpful book if you are beginning your thesis or dissertation as it is truly what the title states--a guide to designing your proposal for qualitative research. I gave it only four stars (out of five) because I think that it is more difficult to understand than others (see Flick's work or Denzin and Lincoln), but it supersedes the others in ease of walking you step-by-step through writing and designing your proposal.

It was a good book in good condition

one of the best resources I've read. very helpful as I delve into qualitative research.

This was a decent textbook.

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