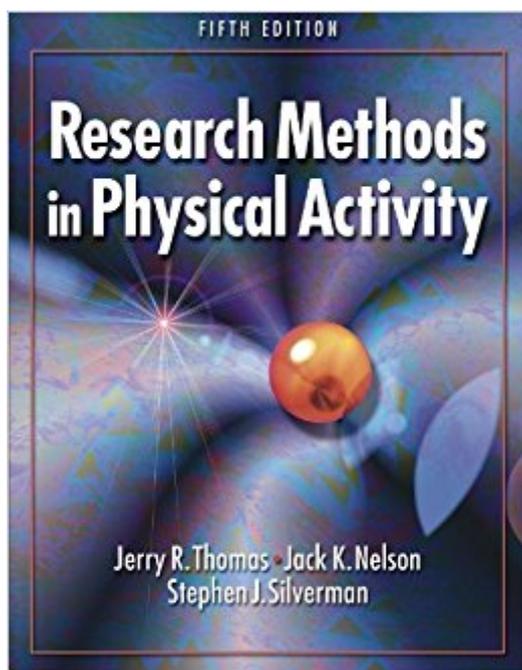


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Synopsis

Many students fear and loathe research methods classes, which conjure up images of musty, dusty books, boredom, and confusion. Students have a welcome surprise waiting for them with *Research Methods in Physical Activity, Fifth Edition*, as the text effortlessly guides them through the research process. This latest edition of this internationally recognized textbook does not rest on its laurels as the leading research methods text. The authors have updated the resource in order to provide the following benefits:

- Shed new light on the research process, particularly regarding use of library facilities
- Enhance students' understanding of basic statistical calculations and the relevance of their uses
- Present a major revision to the chapter on qualitative research and contributions from eminent scholars to the chapters on historical, epidemiology, and philosophic research
- Increase students' understanding of how to write research reports

Carry the readers through the book by introducing three graduate students studying research methods, one of whom brings a special comical spin to the material. In addition, the text presents a new chapter on using power to plan and interpret research and provides information on traditional perspectives and alternative approaches to the research process. As a result, readers:

- understand the essentials of the research process;
- appreciate statistical analyses common to research studies;
- learn the basics of planning research and linking appropriate statistical packages with specific research designs;
- discover how to bring together all the components of the research process and lay them out, in appropriate formats, for dissemination to user groups; and
- gain access to a variety of tools to present or reinforce concepts presented in the book.

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