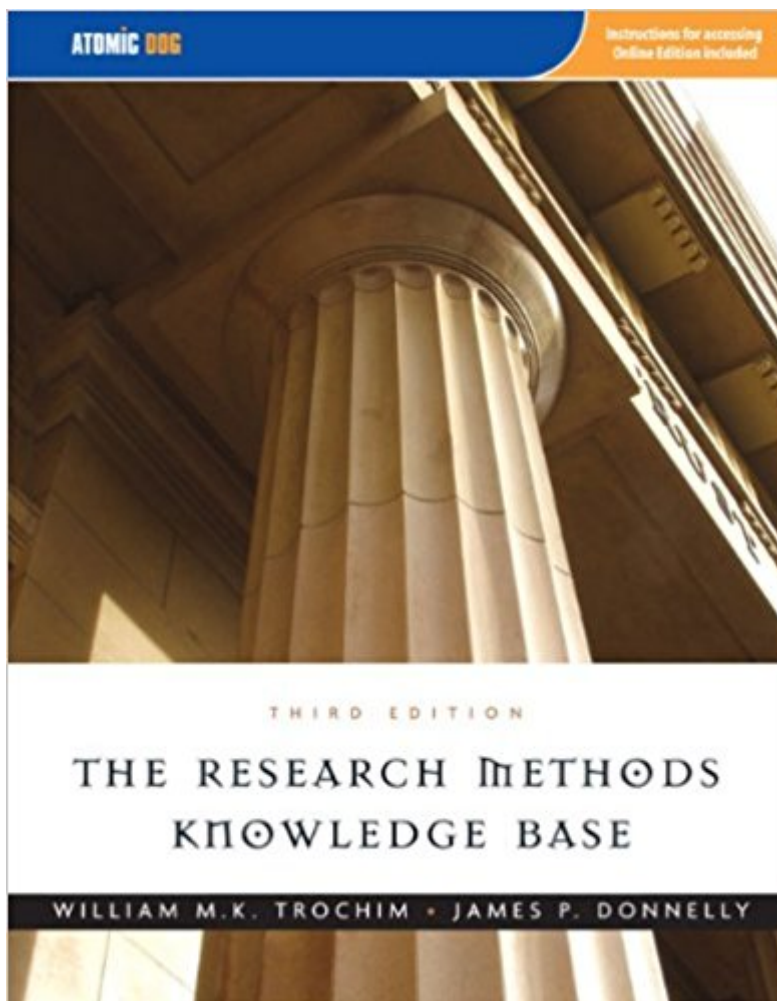


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Good information but the book fell apart for no reason. Badly made.

This book is just okay. I disagree with other readers who have said that it's a complicated read. This book is very simplistic in nature- I was required to purchase it as an accompaniment to another book for a psychometrics course and the best use of this book is to read for the VERY basic of definitions and then bolster knowledge from elsewhere. It's an easy read, but at times too conversational in nature. The author makes jokes throughout the book, which is somewhat off putting when it comes at the price of sacrificing content. I'd say that this book is best suited for someone just getting started in research- just know that you will need another book to really get at the meat that this one overlooks.

This was a Christmas gift. The recipient has reported that he is pleased with the book even though it is not a new publication. He reports that it is an excellent text on research methods,

I used this book in grad school, and admired its accessible writing and easy-to-understand concepts. However, I keep having to order more copies! I lend it to colleagues, who like it so much they want to keep it, and so my organization has to keep ordering more. If that's not the sign of a good book, I don't know what is.

Great book and review. Has a lot of knowledge that can help an individual in their presence.

Trochim and Donnelly do an excellent job of explaining things concisely so that the reader doesn't spend forever trying to understand things. I'm not sure if this book alone would be perfect, but I would definitely want this book in conjunction with another book by Cozby (Methods in Behavioral

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I wasn't a fan of this book, which a college class had me read from cover to cover. It was shallow to say the least, and didn't provide any truly useful insight into graduate level research and writing requirements. The author spins a web around his wildcard of "Construct Validity," a concept that he beats over the head in almost every paragraph. The repetition is more annoying than reaffirming.

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