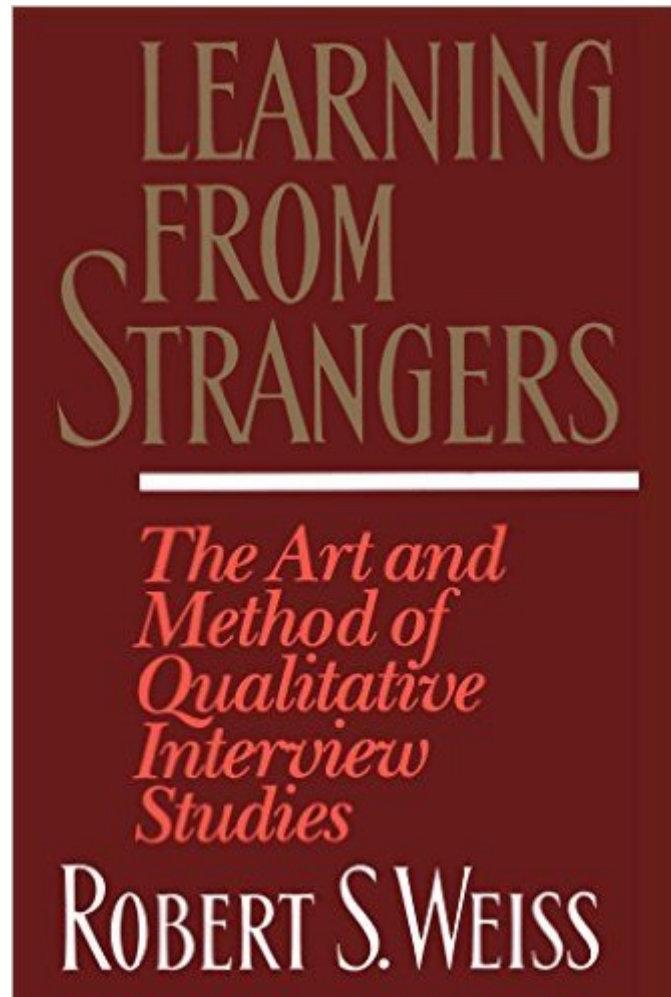


The book was found

# Learning From Strangers: The Art And Method Of Qualitative Interview Studies



## Synopsis

Learning From Strangers is the definitive work on qualitative research interviewing. It draws on Robert Weiss's thirty years of experience in interviewing and teaching others how to do it. The most effective interviews, says Weiss, rely on creating cooperation -- an open and trusting alliance between interviewer and respondent, dedicated to specific and honest accounts of both internal and external events. Against the eclectic background of his work in national sample surveys, studies based on semi-structured interviewing, and participant observation, Weiss walks the reader through the method of qualitative interview studies: sample selection, development of an interview guide, the conduct of the interview, analysis, and preparation of the data. Weiss gives examples of successful and less successful interviews and offers specific techniques and guidelines for the practitioner.

## Book Information

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: Free Press; 1 edition (November 10, 1995)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0684823128

ISBN-13: 978-0684823126

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 0.6 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 9.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (24 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #21,458 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #3 in [Books > Medical Books > Psychology > Forensic Psychology](#) #3 in [Books > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Psychology & Counseling > Forensic Psychology](#) #24 in [Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Research](#)

## Customer Reviews

"Learning From Strangers" is a book that will greatly augment any coursework in anthropology, sociology, or education research methods. I rank it right up there with classic works like Powdermaker's "Stranger and Friend", Agar's "The Professional Stranger" and Van Maanen's "Tales of the Field". This volume is well worth reading for those new to qualitative research methods, as well as for those who might question how well they're doing with interviewing as a data collection method. The author uses a conversational approach as he generously shares and reflects upon his many years of interview experience. This sharing isn't self-serving, but sensitively, (and importantly) covers all situations: the tricky, the awkward, and the difficult. The chapter on "Issues in

Interviewing" resonated with me. For example, as I was alone in the field, doing the qualitative research for my dissertation in South Africa, I was astonished at how tiring I found my interviewing to be. I had been discussing the personal histories of rural educators who had themselves been educated under apartheid, and was completely exhausted by the process. Weiss put my mind to rest when he discusses the levels of emotion that are shared between interviewer and respondent ( at page 137). He also debunks some persistent research myths such as the need for a fixed set of questions (the process is iterative), or the so-called "interviewer-respondent match" (the insider-outsider dilemma). Interviewing is a technique that people frequently assume they "can do" but this book highlights the many intricacies of what are fundamentally social interactions undertaken in pursuit of research data.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Learning From Strangers: The Art and Method of Qualitative Interview Studies Conducting the Programmer Job Interview: The IT Manager Guide with Java, J2EE, C, C++, UNIX, PHP and Oracle interview questions! (IT Job Interview series) Learning: 25 Learning Techniques for Accelerated Learning - Learn Faster by 300%! (Learning, Memory Techniques, Accelerated Learning, Memory, E Learning, ... Learning Techniques, Exam Preparation) Learn: Cognitive Psychology - How to Learn, Any Skill or Subject in 21 Days! (Learn, Learning Disability, Learning Games, Learning Techniques, Learning ... Learning, Cognitive Science, Study) Jorge Luis Borges: The Last Interview: and Other Conversations (The Last Interview Series) Cracking Coding Interview like a Pro: A 10-Day Interview Course JavaScript OO Interview Questions: JavaScript OO Interview Questions Adobe ColdFusion Interview Questions You'll Most Likely Be Asked (Job Interview Questions Series Book 1) Cracking Digital VLSI Verification Interview: Interview Success The Medical Interview: Mastering Skills for Clinical Practice (Medical Interview) The Comparative Method: Moving Beyond Qualitative and Quantitative Strategies The Rules of Sociological Method: And Selected Texts on Sociology and its Method Powder Diffraction: The Rietveld Method and the Two Stage Method to Determine and Refine Crystal Structures from Powder Diffraction Data Hal Leonard Brazilian Guitar Method: Learn to Play Brazilian Guitar with Step-by-Step Lessons and 17 Great Songs (Book/CD) (Hal Leonard Guitar Method) Complete Blues Keyboard Method: Beginning Blues Keyboard, Book & CD (Complete Method) InterViews: Learning the Craft of Qualitative Research Interviewing An Introduction to Qualitative Research: Learning in the Field Ecuador and the United States: Useful Strangers (United States and the Americas) (United States and the Americas) (The United States and the Americas) Strangers Within the Realm: Cultural Margins of the First British Empire (Published for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg,

Virginia) Strangers from a Secret Land: The Voyages of the Brig Albion and the Founding of the First Welsh Settlements in Canada

[Dmca](#)