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This book is completely dry and difficult to get through due to the wordy nature of the text. It does contain important information about aspects of research design and methods, however the content is difficult to extract based on the writing style of the author. One advantage is that the book is well organized. May need a good supplemental text to bring clarity of concepts discussed in this book. I do not recommend. Principles of Research in Behavioral Science: Third Edition

I received the "Special Indian Edition" when I did not intend to receive a non-American one. I hope there isn't much of a difference between the two....

A little dry at times, but overall very informative. As a first year graduate student I find a lot of the material quite interesting! Good examples too, help explain and illustrate topics and break up the text! Not too simple, but not overly complicated either!

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