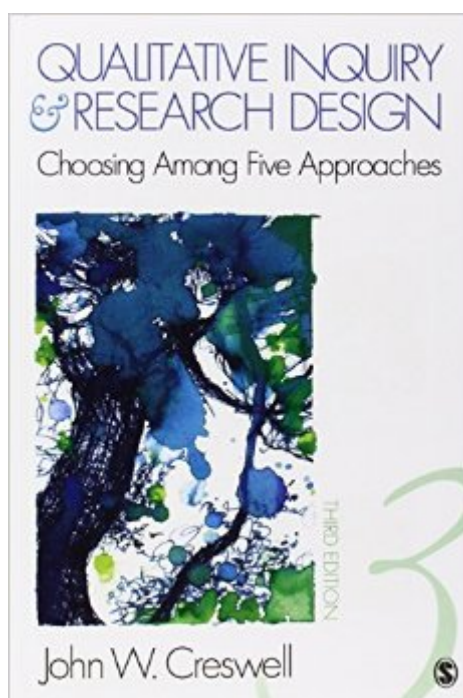


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# Qualitative Inquiry And Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches



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In this Third Edition of his bestselling text John W. Creswell explores the philosophical underpinnings, history, and key elements of each of five qualitative inquiry traditions: narrative research, phenomenology, grounded theory, ethnography, and case study. In his signature accessible writing style, the author relates research designs to each of the traditions of inquiry. He compares theoretical frameworks, ways to employ standards of quality, and strategies for writing introductions to studies, collecting data, analyzing data, writing a narrative, and verifying results.

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I'm giving this book only one star not because of content, but because of quality. The book is plagued with typos that, at times, make the text difficult to understand and require the reader to do

some mental gymnastics to decipher what's being said. I purchased this book to replace the one the post office lost when I sent it home while I was doing my field research this past summer. I used Cresswell's book like a bible, so as soon as I discovered it missing, I got on to find a replacement. I purchased from this seller because of the dirt-cheap price. When I received the book, it looked exactly like the previous one I had. But, as I began reading, I noticed a few typos. Then, as I kept reading, I noticed more and more errors in the text. Blatant errors, such as chapter 6 and all its page headings being called "Data Collectiony" instead of "Data Collection." I've never seen so many different misspellings of the word "research": "reaseach," "reaserch," "reasaerch." A few typos in a book I can understand, but in this text, they are egregious. Another customer, who also received an error-ridden text, believes the book to be an illegally printed version. I'm inclined to agree. Though, for the most part, customers' comments report satisfaction with the book. So, perhaps a batch of illegal printings is sprinkled in with legal printings, and it's just the luck of the draw that I got this one. Whatever the case, be careful about purchasing this book from this seller. If you're at all concerned with quality and readability in a text, I'd advise you to pay the extra money and buy from another seller. If that stuff doesn't really matter to you, or you think you can live with them, then roll the dice and buy it.

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I was looking for a good introduction to approaches to qualitative research and this book did a great job of providing it. It talks about philosophy assumptions and interpretative framework before getting into the the approaches. This provides more context for the approaches and when and where they should be applied. The book uses a comparative presentation style -- always comparing the five approaches. This really helps appreciate the similarities and differences of approaches. In fact, it helps appreciate the subtle differences between the approaches. As I was interested in grounded theory, I skimmed over other approaches when they started to go into examples. One of my gripes with the book was the citations. I am used to simple numerical citations. On Kindle apps, at times, the author-year style citations took up half the column and this affected the flow of reading. The other was more of an annoyance due to lack of more details about coding which seems to be a common data analysis task across all approaches. Then again, an overview book can only do so

much. BTW, half of the book is appendix containing exemplar articles for each approach. Could have the publishers omitted the appendix and charged us half the price? :)

I have to agree with the previous review. I too got a bad book from this seller. This book has so many typos and errors. The page numbers are all off and there are some pages that don't even have page numbers. The typos are so bad that it's hard to understand. Beware when buying from this seller. I purchased this book because it was the cheapest price. I am now having to reorder another copy from a different seller in order to read the correct material that I need for my grad class. This seems to be some kind of ripped off version of the book.

Although Creswell is a generalist when it comes to writing about research, he is a damn good one. In this book, he provides a great overview of qualitative research. Each of the five qualitative research designs (i.e., case study, phenomenology, narrative, ethnography, grounded theory) has its own experts, and Creswell draws on all of them in constructing the book. This book is great for a qualitative research course in graduate school. It should not be used as a resource in a dissertation.

Although the book itself is fine, I have found numerous typos and words/sentences which have been omitted completely. Yes, I can still interpret the information it provides, but it is incredibly disappointing to see this many errors. It also makes me wonder whether this book is counterfeit. I would be concerned purchasing another book from this shipper - particularly since I paid a fair amount for it.

I am extremely disappointed by the fact that my copy of this book has typos, enough to make it annoy me while I'm reading. There are at least a few PER PAGE. I did not pay to have a textbook for a graduate school class that has typos in it!

Creswell is truly an expert on qualitative inquiry, evidenced by his ability to break down the information into concepts that are easy to digest. I am beginning to draft the research proposal for my dissertation (PhD in Psychology), and this book has been a tremendous help in selecting the methodology that best fits my research problem. If you are just beginning your dissertation or if you need scientific guidelines to stay on track, this book is well worth the reasonable price.

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