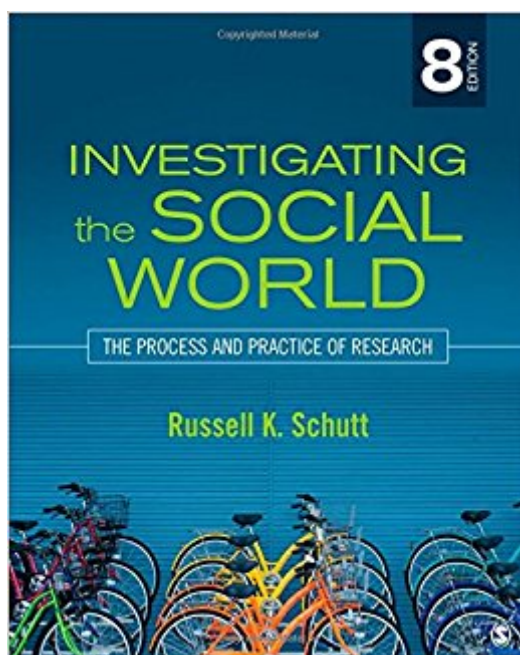


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Class book :) I enjoyed my experience and I would order again

Good

Needed this book for a research methods class. It is bulky, heavy, big, and confusing. It was also very boring. If this is not a subject you are already familiar with it will be hard to keep up. I passed the class with an A and I have no clue what I just read about.

One of the things that really helped was the small extra features like vocab words and their definitions in the margins as well as little "did you know" kind of things that talks about real world use. The only downside of the book was that it's made of a flimsy magazine style paper which results in it getting damaged and bent really easily.

Not that great of a sociology book. I was required to have it for a class. Not as helpful as I was hoping.

Great Product for Price!

Is it informative? Yes. Is it interesting? Eh, sometimes. Perhaps it's because I have only read the first few chapters so far, but it seems a touch dry. It is going over how to research a problem, so that could be half the battle. It's certainly not a bad textbook.

This works well for my class in sociology.

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