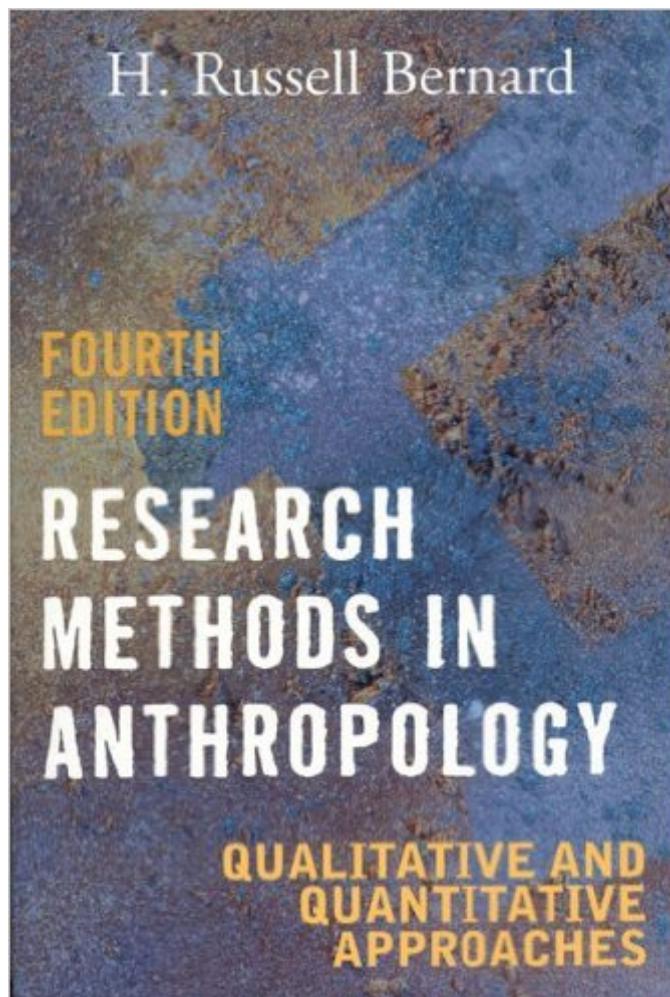


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This book looks intimidating! I'm a professor with many graduate students and I own many research methods books, but had never read one quite so hefty. But as soon as I started it, I was impressed with how remarkably readable it is. Bernard has a down-to-earth style that makes it feel like you're having a conversation with him about these often complex matters. He has one of the best chapters on the relationship between theory and research questions that I have read. His clarity on that essential topic makes the book worth the price. I would strongly recommend this for anyone in disciplines involving qualitative research. It is rich in detail, yet not overwhelming. He also uses

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Bernard is a home run. If I can have only one resource for my research this would be it. All relevant methods are covered and done so well. This was a primary resource for my Methods paper and if in a bind could serve well as a one-stop shop for understanding methods. I would enjoy better clarity regarding organization, but that is a minor critique.

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