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Key Features

- Presents an updated version of Cooper's easy-to-follow seven-step research synthesis process
- Highlights the critical questions to ask about synthesis methodology at each step and the identification of "best practices"
- Contains two new chapters, "Gathering Information From Studies" (Chapter 4) and "Interpreting the Evidence" (Chapter 7), giving expanded treatments on gathering information from studies and interpreting the evidence from a research synthesis
- Provides completely updated material on techniques for searching the literature, with an emphasis on new technologies and the Internet
- Includes a discussion of recent advances and issues in statistical techniques for meta-analyses
- Offers new standards for reporting meta-analyses results
- Incorporates new research syntheses drawn from the fields of education, social/developmental psychology, and health throughout the book

Intended Audience

This text is appropriate for use in upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in Intermediate/Advanced Research Methods, Applied Research Methods, and Intermediate/Advanced Quantitative Research offered in departments of psychology, education, public policy, social work, nursing, and other social science disciplines.

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