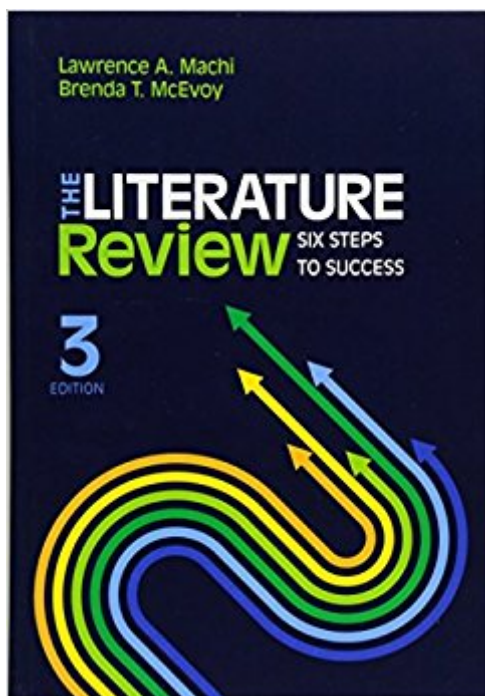


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I was at my wits' end when I got an email from one of my professor's mentioning this book. It wasn't even a recommendation, just a "Hey, this is on the market." I purchased it, skimmed it, and suddenly understood how to do my lit review. I understood how to organize my sources and thoughts so I could process the plethora of information I was dealing with. I know now that I can actually complete this dissertation and am likely to come out the other side with my sanity marginally intact. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I am a doctoral candidate and an educator. I cannot say enough great things about this text. It's user-friendly in everyday language. It has a six-step process that is well-illustrated and complete with key vocabulary text features. Most of all, the exercises are useful and provide a great foundation for the design of an organized literature review. My professors have taught us various strategies at different times, all that are reflected in this book. I would highly recommend that a research design course instructor or student, include this as an essential text. You won't be disappointed and it will guarantee a smoother process with greater accuracy and clarity.

This is exactly the kind of resource I was looking to use in my research methods course.

Nice concise book on how to do a literature review. Practical and handy guide.

I wish I had found this book earlier in my PhD program. It's pretty basic (definitely would be useful in a masters or undergraduate thesis situation as well) but that was what I needed. I was able to read

through it in about an afternoon, and it helped me to re-think my strategy for approaching the lit review on my dissertation. I will recommend this book to students coming into our program.

I'm Working on the literature review for my master's thesis right now and this book a great asset. The chapters are laid out in a step by step format that takes you through the review process in exacting detail. It sort reads like a complex set of stereo instructions, but I found that was actually a good thing for simplifying the process. The book also goes into a lot of detail about the types of arguments and typical formats for them, which turned out helpful in other parts of my thesis beyond the literature review. What better way to construct your own thesis than to see it as a critical third-party reviewer? Overall, a really good manual/ guidebook for the review and a nice primer for developing the arguments and reason within your own thesis.

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