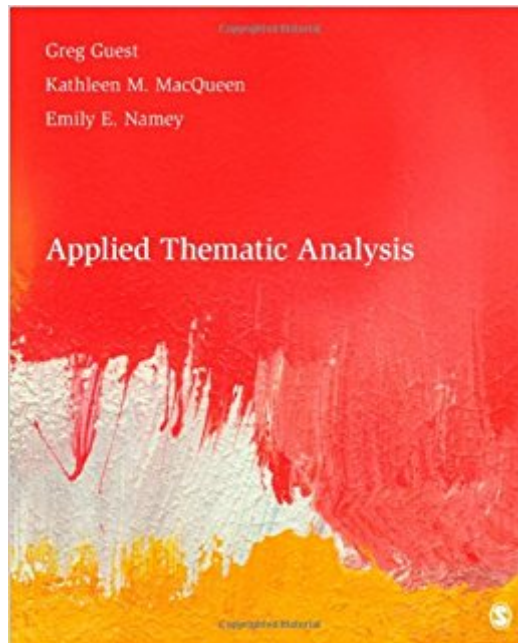




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If you are looking for a practical book on how to actually DO qualitative research, this book is likely to be helpful for you. It includes an overview of what applied thematic analysis is, and gives good step-by-step detail on how to actually do it. As a PhD student doing a qualitative study using general qualitative techniques, this book has been a huge help and added a lot to my methods section. I've combined it with Wengraph's book on qualitative research interviewing (a must if you are not an experienced research interviewer!) and Auerbach & Silverstein's book on Qualitative Data. I feel that between these three books, I was able to build enough knowledge of methods to design a solid research protocol that will be defensible. For those using other qualitative techniques (e.g. Narrative, Phenomenology, etc), this book can supplement the theory and philosophy of those books with information that will ensure you have good technique (e.g. proper audit trails, analysis steps, etc.)

Required for school. Easy to read and understand

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