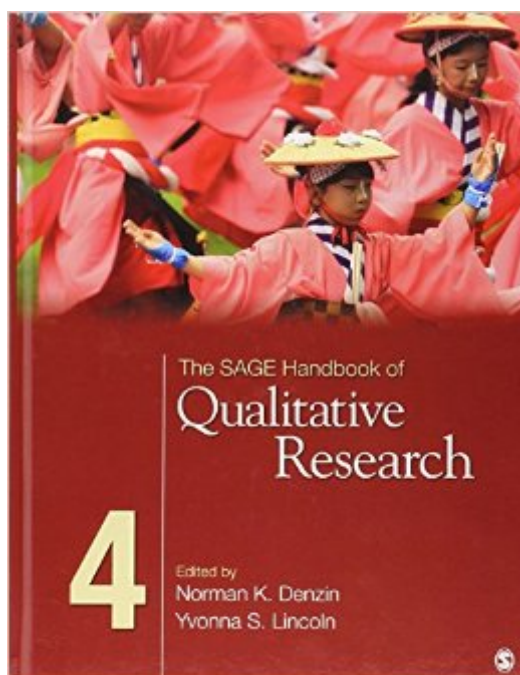


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Don't bother with the fourth edition. The second is terrific; I'm going to request the third from interlibrary loan to see if it's worthwhile. The fourth edition doesn't have the basic articles about qualitative research that made the second edition shine.

I hope SAGE re-publishes the 3rd edition. The 4th edition is such a disappointment. I used the 3rd edition as a prescribed text in a research methods course that I teach. I was compelled by university requirements to replace the 3rd edition with the 4th edition. I removed the 4th edn as the prescribed text as soon as possible, i.e. at the end of semester..

The Sage books are usually wonderful, especially for students, but this book contained articles that were not useful to me. Our class purchased it then changed books because even the instructor disliked it. If you have to buy it for a class, you have to buy it, but I would not recommend it otherwise.

The 4th edition of this essential publication should provide plenty to debate in relation to the complex space of "qualitative research". This publication provides a wealth of resources, philosophies, methods, and perspectives. A wonderful companion for those on their own research journeys. Bravo

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