



Resource Review

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I was told about this textbook by my STEM doctoral student, because it is short and the language is accessible. I acquired an online version. Like Williams, I migrated from a science background to educational research and found the change of genre difficult to grasp. My STEM PGCE students, and even some students from other disciplines, have claimed to have experienced similar academic writing adjustment difficulties.

As I was so impressed by the sagacious advice and simplicity of the book, I bought a hard copy before even completing the online perusal. I immediately encouraged all my students to use this book as a 'guide by their side', and will continue to promote its use to colleagues and future students for all aspects of academic reading and writing.

The tables and diagrams suit my style of reading such material: easy to grasp and easier to remember. Williams' descriptions and explanations about the range of methodological styles are succinct, making crystal clear sense.

I only wish that this book had been around years ago to aid my progress in the genre of social science reading and writing.

