The Literature Review: A Step-by-Step Guide For Students (SAGE Study Skills Series)
Synopsis
This Second Edition of Diana Ridley’s bestselling guide to the literature review outlines practical strategies for reading and note taking, and guides the reader on how to conduct a systematic search of the available literature, and uses cases and examples throughout to demonstrate best practice in writing and presenting the review. New to this edition are examples drawn from a wide range of disciplines, a new chapter on conducting a systematic review, increased coverage of issues of evaluating quality and conducting reviews using online sources and online literature and enhanced guidance in dealing with copyright and permissions issues.

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I am torn on how I ultimately feel about this book because it was required for a class in a PhD program. The book itself is not one that I would have normally purchased because a lot of the information is taught or easily accessible in other resources. However, since it is required for the course we have to read it out of order which might be why I felt that it was a waste of the book. The book is published outside of the US and refers to sites or resources that are not ones that would normally be referenced in a US based course. Obviously, this also means that some words are spelled different and may be used in a context that someone from the US may not recognize. If you have never had to "review" literature then this is a great book to have. If, however, you have already had a few classes that required reviews and have covered it extensively, then this is not the best
There are also some parts in this that are rather vague and could have been expanded on a little more. As an overview, though, they cover a lot and this book is a good beginner book.

I expected it to break every single part of the literature review down. I was a little disappointed. I am now looking for another book. It has a lot of examples of written parts out of a literature review. However, I need something that is easy to read and gives much more clear information.

This is an excellent book for masters and doctoral students. The four stars is because it was written by someone who is in England and some items/terms are different in the USA. Double check your resources to ensure proper formatting. Overall, the book is a great overview and step-by-step guide for new students. Also, a great review for seasoned students.

Very helpful book when writing a thesis or dissertation.

I used this book for a Graduate Level Course. The book will help clear up and clarify all the questions you ever had about the literature review. A good book to have for your academic journey.

My understanding of the role of literature review has been enhanced considerably by this book. The topics have been carefully presented to guide me.

The Literature Review was instrumental in assisting me with understanding organization and structure of a Literature Review. Very helpful!

This book is helpful for my courses that I’m taking now.

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