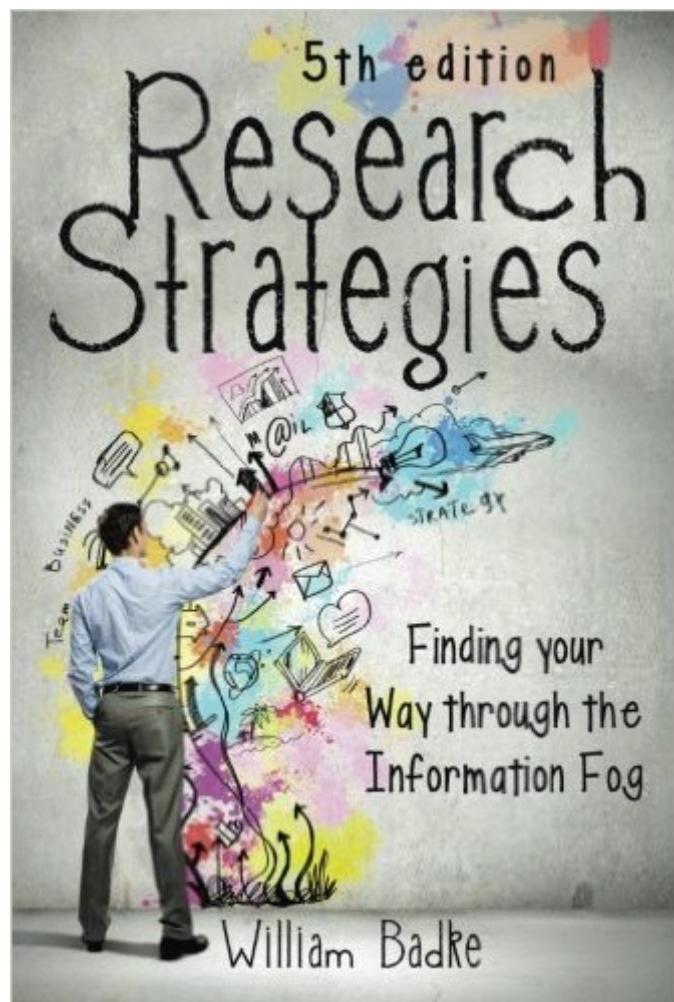


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# Research Strategies: Finding Your Way Through The Information Fog, 5th Edition



## **Synopsis**

Online resources have given us access to more knowledge than ever before. We're buried in data, and defining what is and what is not genuine information becomes more of a challenge all the time. In this fifth edition of Research Strategies, author William Badke helps you make sense of all of the available information, shows you how to navigate and discern it, and details how to use it to your advantage to become a better researcher. Badke focuses on informational research and provides a host of tips and advice not only for conducting research, but also for everything from finding a topic to writing an outline to documenting resources and polishing the final draft. Study guides, practice exercises, and assignments at the end of each chapter help reinforce each lesson. An experienced research instructor who has led thousands of students to become better researchers, Badke uses humor to help you gain a better understanding of today's complex, technological world. Research Strategies provides the skills and strategies to efficiently and effectively complete a research project from topic to finished product. It shows how research can be exciting and even fun.

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This was required for my Library Research Skills class at Montana State University, and is a really useful resource. Badke's writing is concise, non-trite, and his suggestions are intuitively applicable. He also includes some welcome wit to a sometimes dry subject. New editions are updated to include recent changes to everything research and web-oriented. Great book!!!

I teach information literacy to students at a community college. I've been using this book as my class text for a few semesters. I like it very much, especially Badke's writing style. I think it is an essential text for anyone interested in accessing information that counts!

For ANYONE in college, this book is a must buy. I'm a returning student (after a long hiatus) and I wish I had this book when I was in school the first time. It takes a common sense and easy to read approach to step by step explain the writing process. It gives real world examples of how to research papers and explains the intricacies of researching for academic papers in databases versus just surfing the internet.

I just started reading this book - just finished chapter 1. The links the author provided have kept me busy for over two hours. The information in just that first chapter is worth the price of the book. It is well written, clear, easy to read, and even funny in parts. My biggest problem is that it is time to go to bed . . . I don't want to stop reading the book. For crying out loud - this is a research book! It's not the next great American novel. Yet, I didn't want to stop. I don't know how the rest of the book is going to pan out, but from all the five star reviews, I am guessing that the rest will be as informative as the first chapter. I should have found this book when I started my bachelor's. I'm just happy I found it before I started my master's. Many thanks to the author for such wonderful information.

Excellent book that explains how to do academic research, prepare for writing a paper (if you have read enough that you can explain your topic for 1-minute to someone else, then you are ready to write your paper!), and all of the new databases that are available to use to find vetted articles. Mr. Badke writes in an easy-going manner, as a librarian and instructor. He also helps people through their anxiety with excellent pointers and insight.

I had an Information Competency course that required the use of this book. I decided to get the eBook, which I figured would be handy to access on my phone and it was. After finishing the course I can really say that, one: this book was used heavily and two: it is all incredibly useful for everyone. The novel itself breaks down into different and relevant parts that makes it easier to understand where to start or fix your way of researching for an assignment/project. I know it sounds gimmicky, but it truly is like the holy grail of information breakdown. There are many things we are taught in school and to show proof of that we usually have to research and prove ourselves. Along

that route though, we mostly get lost in old habits that are more inclined to fit what we'd search for in a more limited capacity, Mr. Badke at least broadens our learning horizons by adding in more academically friendly ways to gain the proper sources. All in all, if you're in school or are planning on going back to school, check this book out. It will definitely help you in the long run, whether or not you realize it.

As a returning college student I think this is the best book I've bought. It is an excellent resource on how to find, use and write research papers especially in the digital world where info is at your fingertips 24/7. The book is far from being a boring text. I wish I had this back in high school decades ago. A must get book for any high school thru college student. It's a great resource for teachers as well.

This book has eased my anxiety over writing research papers. Easy to read and understand. He talks at a students level. Learned a lot going to be one of my go to books whenever I have to write research papers.

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