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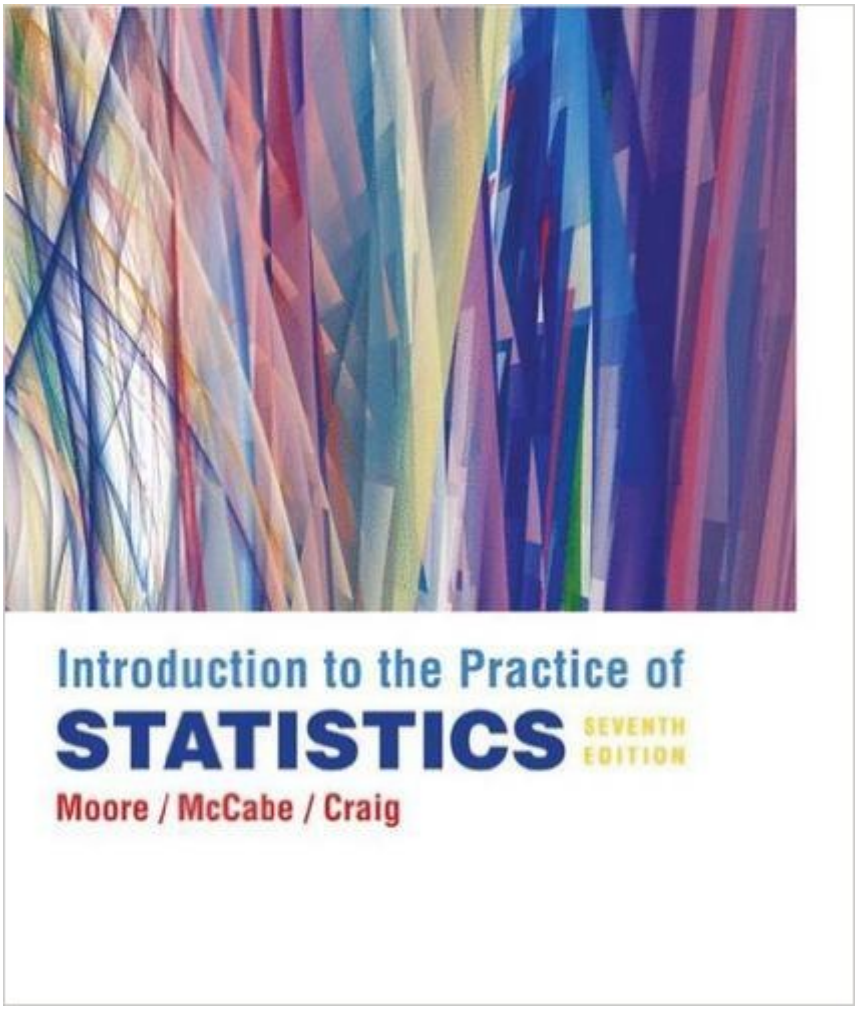

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Synopsis

With a focus on data analysis, statistical reasoning, and the way statisticians actually work, IPS has helped to revolutionize the way statistics are taught and brings critical thinking and practical applications to your course.Revised for more learner-friendly progression, the 7th edition includes 30% new exercises, including international examples such as Facebook usage trends outside the USA. What this book offers students: * Focuses on data analysis and practical applications, showing the way statisticians actually work. * Fosters statistical reasoning and decision-making skills, not just calculation drills, through a focus on problem-solving practice. * Presents contemporary real data in real contexts, making the numbers and why we analyse them meaningful. * Includes examples from many interesting disciplines (from psychology to medicine and business) to give relevance to the material covered. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

This book is not a good choice for students new to statistics, or anyone that wants to learn.The layout is hectic, there are too many boxes and colors, it is difficult to find the most basic formulas, and the example questions are so unnecessarily confusing it is ridiculous.If you buy this book, you'll end up digging out your old stats book or looking up information on the internet.

The content is mediocre at best; I don't know statistics or I wouldn't be taking the class, but a few

sections of this book seemed worse than not reading it at all - and I usually learn better from the textbook than from any other source. Some sections simply didn’t explain much, and didn’t feel rigorous in what they did explain. Some definitions of highly specific and important terms seemed totally half-assed and vague. Overall, this book doesn’t justify its purchase price.Add to all of those problems the worst organizational scheme I’ve ever seen in a textbook. Every possible category of data-structure has its own stupid label, and they’re all interspersed with one another. There aren’t just Figures for showing you the data: there are Figures and Tables and Graphs, all numbered separately. So you can have Figure 2.3 right next to Table 2.9 which is right next to Graph 2.17, when they could have simply declared every graph, table, figure, or photo a "figure" and numbered the whole thing consistently. Finding any data-structure without a page number can take a few minutes, and problems frequently reuse data from previous chapters. The identical categorization and layout issue applies to the problems themselves.To boil it all down, the only reason to even consider this book is if your professor assigns the homework from it. Even then you should strongly consider buying one book for your study group, or even for the whole class, and copying the homework sets from that group copy. If you’d like to support an author and/or actually read about the material, simply buy another book. There’s no justification for buying this thing simply to access some badly organized, mediocre problem sets.

This is the textbook for my biostatistics class, so I didn’t exactly choose whether or not to buy it. For future students, it is written clearly, with a lot of problems to master (essential to comprehending the material) and with the answers to the odd problems in the back.

Nothing is really explained in the chapter in regards to the practice questions at end of each chapter. And the format in general is obnoxious, you have to hunt down the problems all over the book.

I was required to buy this for class. I used any other source I could find to explain concepts. The problems are not solved or explained in detail. That CD with the book is even more useless--I didn’t look at it once. Get the rattiest old copy you can get because you will never look at this book again after you are done with it for a required course.

I only bought this book because i needed to do homework. If i were to rely on the content of this book for information, i would have failed by stat class. This textbook is horribly written and

somewhat unorganized. Their definitions are very circular. Seriously writers, you don't need to use hard words so people will know about your phd.

I only tried this book out as I was sitting in on an introductory stats course as part of a teaching exercise. I have taken multiple statistics courses during both my undergraduate and graduate studies, and am fairly familiar with statistics. The number of associated Minitab files are nice, as are the wide array of exercises available for homework assignmentsThat being said, this book is poorly organized and incredibly cluttered. I understand that the authors are trying to provide a lot of examples but the pages come off as disjointed and I found myself digging through too many colored boxes and headings to try and find questions that students were asking. The chapters focus on areas that do not really help with the later exercises, and I encountered a few questions for which there were no examples or explanation earlier in the chapter. The CD was unnecessary, though I will admit that I only tried using it twice and found that it provided nothing that the textbook hadn't already provided.Finally, I felt the book was overpriced. Yes, it's a textbook and that is where they make their money, but $150 is still pretty steep. I can provide my own datasets and problems to go with an older (and much cheaper) textbook for students. Do yourself a favor and grab on older copy of Kachigan's book to save your students the headache and damage to their pocketbooks that this text provides.

I baught this book for a statistics course in my College. The teacher is unclear so I thought this book he teaches from would do a better job. While it's clear, with basic language and lots of diagrams the topics seem to span too many pages to prove one basic rule, yet not leave me with a clear basic impression on what that rule is. Other classmates agree.The book has a great fold-out summary sheet with common rules and definitions. A great quick-guide.The CD it came with could have been more versatile, with how-to videos for example. I don't really use the CD.Other Stats books are written just as clearly, with easier to follow descriptions and yet held my attention a little more than this book. The progression or sequence the book goes in is VERY easy to follow, while keeping recent lessons incorporated in the new problems.

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