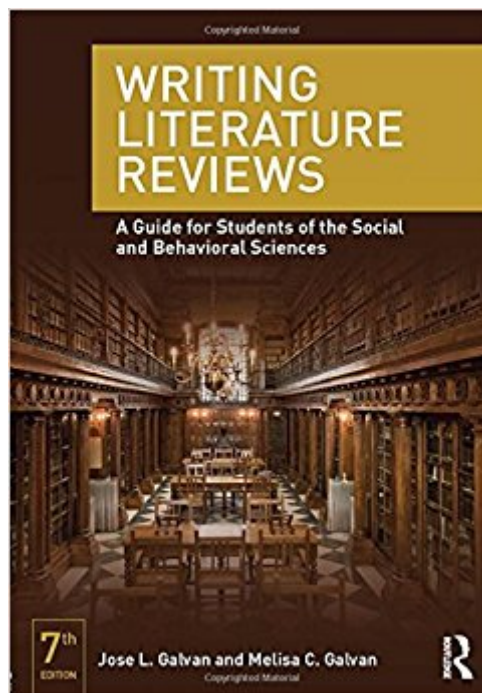




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# Writing Literature Reviews: A Guide For Students Of The Social And Behavioral Sciences



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This useful guide educates students in the preparation of literature reviews for term projects, theses, and dissertations. The authors provide numerous examples from published reviews that illustrate the guidelines discussed throughout the book. New to the seventh edition: Each chapter breaks down the larger holistic review of literature exercise into a series of smaller, manageable steps. Practical instructions for navigating today's digital libraries. Comprehensive discussions about digital tools, including bibliographic and plagiarism detection software. Chapter activities that reflect the book's updated content. New model literature reviews. Online resources designed to help instructors plan and teach their courses ([www.routledge.com/9780415315746](http://www.routledge.com/9780415315746)).

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Very disappointed. The only change from this edition from the previous one is the inclusion of a "free book". It's just two model literature reviews printed. We don't need this kind of gimmick. We can find thousands of literature reviews online! I felt I insulted. I had looked forward to see more updates but was let down. It does not justify the \$60 price tag at all. The quality of the printing and organization of the book is so old fashioned and outmoded. The book should be charge at \$20. Please consider carefully before buying it. The knowledge is good but the changes in the different editions is very minimal. I remember reading the first edition. It had similar knowledge. I liked it very much but the author and publisher don't seem very genuine in improving the book. I feel that they just want to make money out of it. But not seriously interested in the pursuit of finding the best methods to do the literature review.

A fairly comprehensive overview of how to write literature reviews, which is helpful for all students. It's particularly good for those at the master's and doctorate level. Solid advice and step-by-step chapters help you plan and organize. As a doctoral student, the book has been beneficial for my classes.

Galvan's book is well-structured and easy to read. The organization of the book--using guidelines--makes it easy to follow. However, I would be cautious to restrict myself only to the guidelines recommended as they are not comprehensive. For example, the chapter on how to review qualitative research lacks other guidelines for establishing the credibility of a piece of research. Another point to note is that there are different styles of literature based on one's epistemological beliefs and the purpose of the review, hence the guidelines recommended as well as samples included may obscure other ways of organizing literature review. Overall, a useful book to start one off a literature review, but I would supplement this book with others to obtain a more balanced point-of-view.

Good resource for doing literature review for dissertation.

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This book was instrumental in helping me to write my literature review for my senior capstone course over the past 16 weeks. The checklist at the end of the book was truly helpful. This is a book to keep for future writing of literature reviews.

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