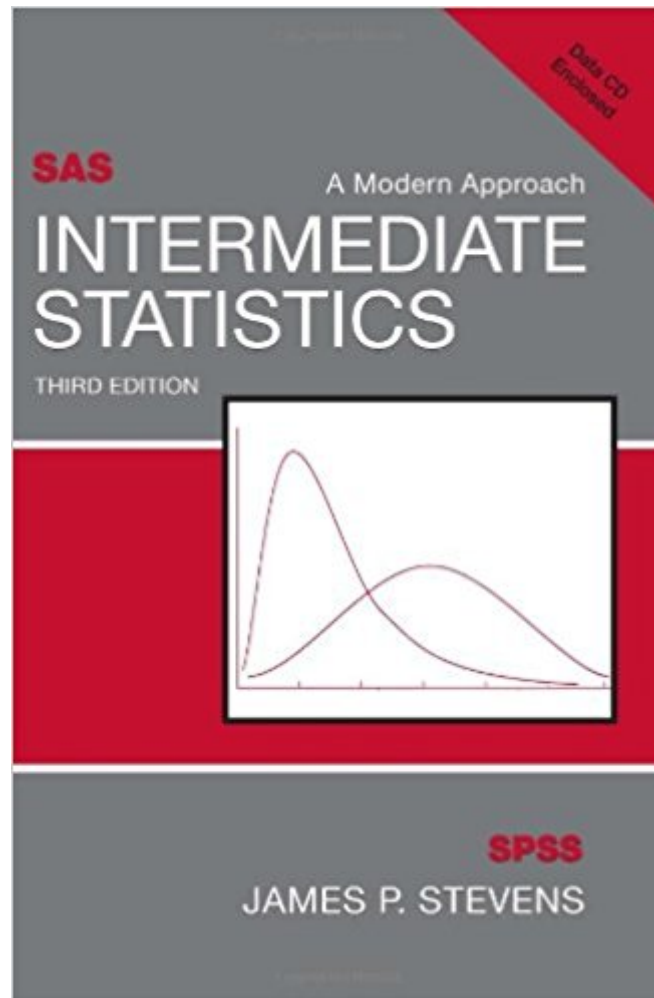




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I bought this book because it's the required text for a statistics course I am taking. The experience has been well below expectations. I list the reasons below.

(1) **Typographical Errors** The biggest reason. A lot of typos. Beginning each chapter, the instructor has to hand out the list of errata, which number up to ten per given chapter. These are not your harmless "compute this example"s. There are more formulae that are incorrectly typed than those that are not. Some typos are obvious, such as missing parentheses or h's for b's and so on. Others are not so obvious, such as '-' instead of '+' and the like. If you didn't have an instructor, your equations would be wrong, and you would never know it. How is this book in its third edition? What was the first edition like?

(2) **Poor Kindle Implementation** No reference to the paperback pagination in the Kindle version, when the intratext reference system still depends on the paperback pagination. You have to infer. Also, in-text tables and figures are missing. Instead of them, you get placeholders that say "place figure X from the

previous edition here". Someone didn't do one's job. Also, the appended tables are of rasterized image format. For those of you who aren't familiar with raster graphics, what it means is that they took pictures of the tables instead of typing them in. Poor resolution, and also makes for poor viewing experience.

(3) The Text
Yes, you look past the wrinkles and the blemishes. You say, "I don't care how you look honey, I just care about your soul." But turns out the manuscript itself is poorly written. Concepts are referred to, before they are introduced in the subsequent chapters. Explanations are wanting, and when they are not, you realize the shoddy paragraph you had just struggled through could have been summarized in one or two sentences. What contributes to this flaw is that the author is not clear about whom his audience is. If you have to be taught what a t-test is or how to interpret an interaction effect in a factorial ANOVA, you are most clearly not an intermediate statistician. But the text assumes some knowledge. Some of these assumptions are reasonable. Others are not. What you get is a deluge of inconsistency in the depth of exposition. A lot of words spent on inessential topics, while glossing over the core ones.

(4) The Bottom Line
Would I buy this book again? No. Why did I buy this book? Because I had to. Should anyone who does not have to buy the book? No, not for any reason. If you are looking for an introductory textbook, there is a world of wonderful books out there. If you are trying to learn SPSS/SAS, look for resourcess directly pertaining to SPSS/SAS, not this book for which the software is an afterthought. If you are trying to get an intermediate-level instruction in statistics, this book will be either boring or confusing, and rarely somewhere in between.

Unclear writing, fails to explain basic mathematical or logical concepts or even to do basic signposting like telling you where the F values table is and when to use it. Really, only buy this if a statistics professor forces you to, and pay as little as possible for a used copy so you have enough money left over to buy a well-written intermediate stats textbook also so that you actually understand anything.

Very technically written for a beginner. Although i've seen some statistics books that are worse, i've certainly seen others that are more understandable for the novice.

It was ok. the book was good resource and something that I needed for my statistics. I would recommend the book to other students.

This is yet another well written book by Stevens. It goes into a sufficient amount of detail to

understand the how, when, why, and where of these statistical analyses. One does not have to be a statistician to understand it. This book has great utility. The one disappointment was the lack of updated SPSS syntax, but other than this, it is well worth every penny.

Intermediate Statistics: A Modern Approach Lots of typographical errors in this book, which made it difficult to read and follow the examples. I expect more proofreading from a textbook. Wasn't very thorough in its examples and descriptions. The only thing this book was good for was the tables in the back. Don't buy this book unless you have to.

The author of this book does not explain this information in a way that's easy to understand. Explanations are too short, and unclear. Some of the examples used to explain the formulas are incorrect.

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