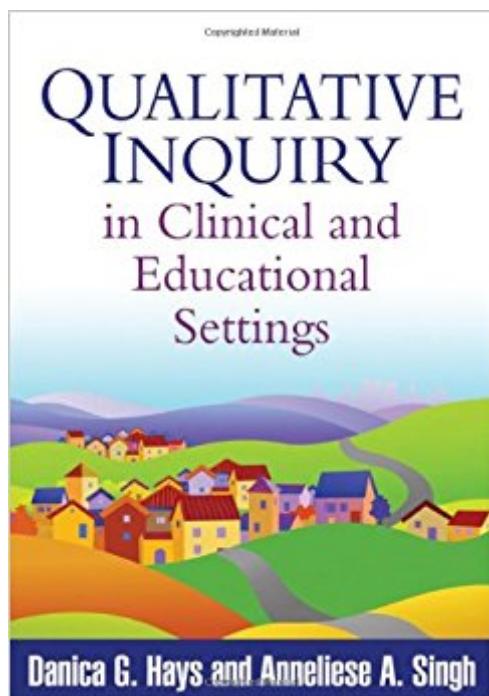


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# Qualitative Inquiry In Clinical And Educational Settings



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This highly readable text demystifies the qualitative research processâ "and helps readers conceptualize their own studiesâ "by organizing the different research paradigms and traditions into coherent clusters. Real-world examples and firsthand perspectives illustrate the research process; instructive exercises and activities build on each other so readers can develop their own proposals or reports as they work through the book. Provided are strategies for selecting a research topic, entering and exiting sites, and navigating the complexities of ethical issues and the researcher's role. Readers learn how to use a range of data collection methodsâ "including observational strategies, interviewing, focus groups, e-mail and chat rooms, and arts-based mediaâ "and to manage, analyze, and report the resulting data.Â Useful pedagogical features include:<sup>\*</sup>In-class and field activities to apply qualitative concepts.<sup>\*</sup>Discussion questions, proposal development exercises, and reflexive journal activities.<sup>\*</sup>Exemplary qualitative studies and two sample proposals.<sup>\*</sup>Cautionary notes, or "Wild Cards," about possible research pitfalls.<sup>\*</sup>Tables that summarize concepts and present helpful tips.Â

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