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their understanding of these increasingly used statistical techniques. This is an excellent introduction and explanation of how to use statistics to reason. I learned a lot about how one should design experiments so that you can know how strong of a conclusion you can make from the data. As a person who doesn't mind the math, I was a little disappointed that the math isn't included, but Rosenbaum always has a reference to look up for details so that my disappointment was mollified. The advantage of this is getting to read Rosenbaum's lucid explanations in plain English. He does an excellent job of explaining things with good examples and making sure that the limits of the examples are established. I was somewhat familiar with many of the concepts, but Rosenbaum does a great job of explaining the thought processes for randomized experiments, natural experiments, observational studies, how to produce matches for treatment vs control, and most interesting for me, how to look at the sensitivity of these studies to bias. Design sensitivity is extremely well explained and something extremely important. Essentially, knowing the robustness of the evidence is always difficult, and sensitivity analysis lets you get at this. I would recommend this to anyone who has an interest in statistical methods. It is very accessible, and Rosenbaum is a very good writer. Whether or not you like math, the book is very good at explaining its concepts and elucidating them with examples. Its examples are heavily tilted toward the medical field, but they are not exclusive to it by any means. Overall, just a very good introduction and explanation of concepts. I liked it, but I should admit that I haven't read a verbose book on stats. I really love the accessible, precision approach provided by this book. This is the best material on causal inference that I have ever read. I wish I could have this book earlier when I was in grad school. I recommend this one to anyone who is interested about causal inference.



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