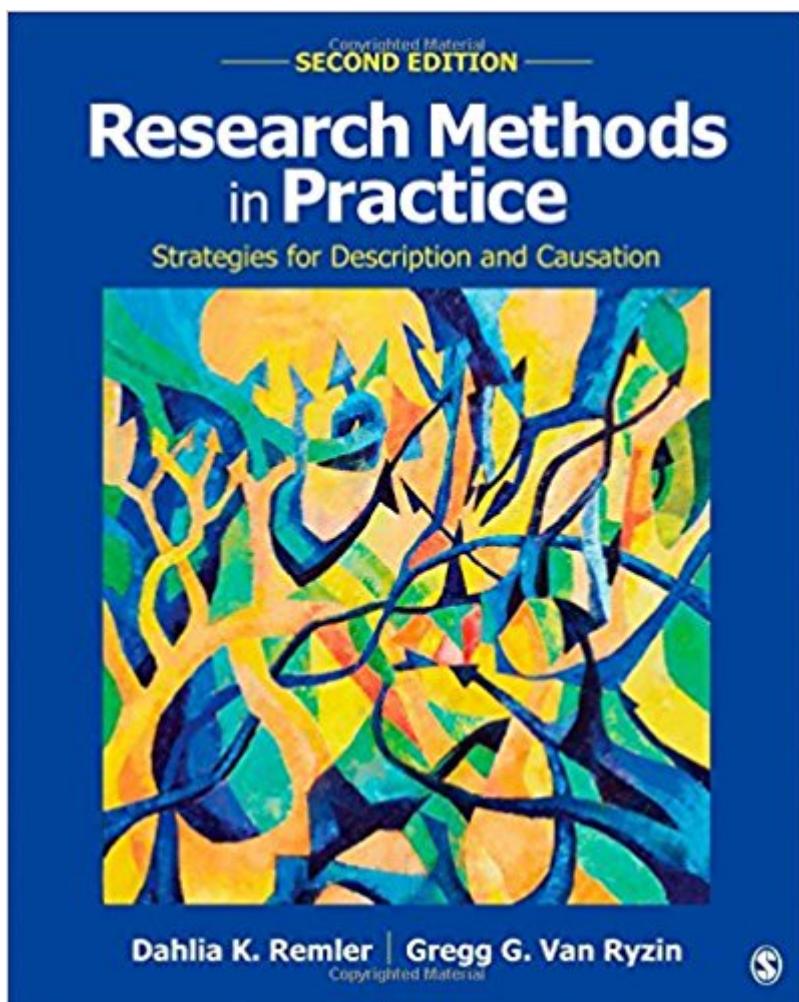


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# Research Methods In Practice: Strategies For Description And Causation



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