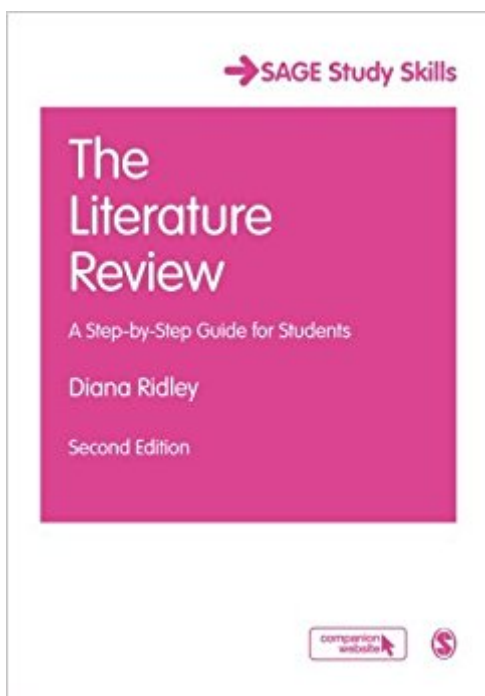


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# The Literature Review: A Step-by-Step Guide For Students (SAGE Study Skills Series)



## Synopsis

This Second Edition of Diana Ridley's bestselling guide to the literature review outlines practical strategies for reading and note taking, and guides the reader on how to conduct a systematic search of the available literature, and uses cases and examples throughout to demonstrate best practice in writing and presenting the review. New to this edition are examples drawn from a wide range of disciplines, a new chapter on conducting a systematic review, increased coverage of issues of evaluating quality and conducting reviews using online sources and online literature and enhanced guidance in dealing with copyright and permissions issues.

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I had been working on my darn lit review for a few months, spinning my wheels and not knowing exactly what to write. This book takes you from the beginning and the title says it best "step-by-step". The first chapter talks about what is a lit review and many different examples of published lit reviews from dissertations. Then it goes into the types and you can figure out which lit review is best for you, or a combination of approaches. It tells you how to take good notes while you're studying so that you know exactly what to put in the review and as a bonus for me, it shows you how to incorporate EndNote in your search. Then it explains how to structure the review, the difference between critical reading and critical writing, etc etc etc. This author has found the perfect middle ground between sounding too simple and too complex. If I had this book months ago, my dissertation would probably be complete by now. I also bought Chris Hart's book "Doing a Literature Review" but this one is much better. Very easy to read but packed with extremely helpful information. Get this if you've never done a lit review before and need guidance.

I am torn on how I ultimately feel about this book because it was required for a class in a PhD program. The book itself is not one that I would have normally purchased because a lot of the information is taught or easily accessible in other resources. However, since it is required for the course we have to read it out of order which might be why I felt that it was a waste of the book. The book is published outside of the US and refers to sites or resources that are not ones that would normally be referenced in a US based course. Obviously, this also means that some words are spelled different and may be used in a context that someone from the US may not recognize. If you have never had to "review" literature then this is a great book to have. If, however, you have already had a few classes that required reviews and have covered it extensively, then this is not the best book for you. There are also some parts in this that are rather vague and could have been expanded on a little more. As an overview, though, they cover a lot and this book is a good beginner book.

Excellent text with great tips. A must read if you're a PhD student!

I expected it to break every single part of the literature review down. I was a little disappointed. I am now looking for another book. It has a lot of examples of written parts out of a literature review. However, I need something that is easy to read and gives much more clear information.

This book was extremely helpful while writing the Literature Review section of my dissertation.

I used this book for a Graduate Level Course. The book will help clear up and clarify all the questions you ever had about the literature review. A good book to have for your academic journey.

My understanding of the role of literature review has been enhanced considerably by this book. The topics have been carefully presented to guide me.

The Literature Review was instrumental in assisting me with understanding organization and structure of a Literature Review. Very helpful!

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