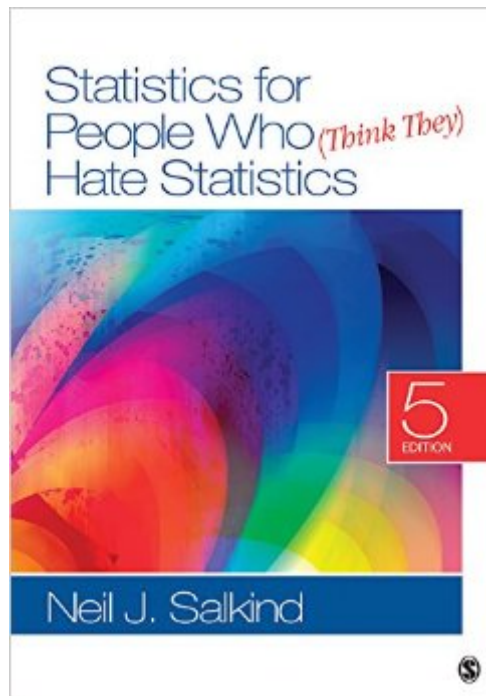


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# Statistics For People Who (Think They) Hate Statistics (Salkind, Statistics For People Who(Think They Hate Statistics(Without CD))



## Synopsis

The best-selling *Statistics for People Who (Think They) Hate Statistics* is now in its Fifth Edition. Continuing its hallmark use of humor and common sense, this text helps students develop an understanding of an often intimidating and difficult subject with an approach that is informative, personable, and clear. Author Neil J. Salkind takes students through various statistical procedures, beginning with a brief historical introduction to statistics, correlation and graphical representation of data, and ending with inferential techniques and analysis of variance. The book provides examples using SPSS and includes reviews of measurement topics, such as reliability, validity, and also introductory non-parametric statistics. With more examples than ever before, the new edition offers a new Real World Stats feature at the end of each chapter. In addition, an enhanced interactive eBook edition (available spring 2014) features animated chapter introductions, quick quizzes, video clips, and more. The Fifth Edition is also the basis for the Excel edition for the book of the same name.

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This book was great at explaining the principles behind the math. However-- THERE WERE HUGE

MISTAKES!!! The formula for the correlation coefficient for example, had a misplaced parenthetical that changed the formula. As a rookie in this area I was in tears trying to figure out my homework. This was not the only error, but it certainly was the worst!!! Otherwise, the examples make it easy to understand the concepts of statistics, and certainly made it so I was able to ace the course. I just wish it hadn't had so many errors.

This is an easy to follow, well written book that students find useful. I have used it for teaching undergraduate research and statistics and as a supplement for graduate level research. It is written on a level so that almost all students can follow it and it provides excellent examples.

I used an earlier version of this text in teaching an introductory statistics class. While I laud the author for trying to introduce statistical concepts and computer software conventions in the same introductory level text, I think he tries to do too much. As a result, statistical concepts are trivialized. Students may learn to compute, but they have little understanding of the meaning of their computations. At one time or another, I think that all of us who teach courses in statistics or research methods have been too quick to send our students to the computer without being sure that they first understand the conceptual foundations of the work we assign. It's a mistake that I've made and, in retrospect, the results were predictable: students are able to employ user-friendly software to compute a variety of measures, but they lack the ability to interpret what they've done. Furthermore if students are given a data set and asked to respond to specific questions, they have difficulty deciding which measures to use. Retrograde though it may seem, I think computer applications should be delayed until a second course. This enables the instructor to focus on concepts in a first course. Moreover, actually solving carefully selected problems using nothing more than a pocket calculator seems to further enhance students' appreciation of the conceptual underpinnings of applied statistics and improves their ability to interpret their results.

This book has been quite a challenge. The material itself is not hard and is well explained. The only problem is ALL THE ERRORS IN THE BOOK!! There are so many errors, it nearly makes it impossible to learn. Every chapter you have to go to the website to look up the correct formulas or data sets or answers for the back of the book. Incredibly frustrating. I'm just trying to do my work and learn for grad school. This book is not helping me keep my stress level down. The idea for the book is good. When the errors get corrected, the information will be very helpful.

For students wanting to save paper and read on the go, DO NOT BUY the e-book version of this text. .com has mislabeled the item as the fourth edition of "Statistics for People..." The e-book is actually an old version of the Excel Edition, which differs substantially from the title advertised on the page.

I have eight stats books in my bookshelf, from Dummy's Guides to college textbooks. Salkind's text presented the material, seemingly directed toward graduate students, in the most clear and easy to understand manner of all I've read. It was actually enjoyable to read. I don't think you'll be disappointed with this one.

This book was easy to understand. If your focus of study is Statistics this book may not provide you with enough information to interpret your results as in depth as you need to. If you are taking a stats class as a requirement for an unrelated degree, you will love it. I made it through graduate level Educational Statistics with a comfortable "A".

This is the finest book in its class. As a self-described "math idiot" this text made complex equations simple to understand. Step by step method for each and every equation, explaining what everything means and best of all...WHY it is important. Two thumbs up!

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