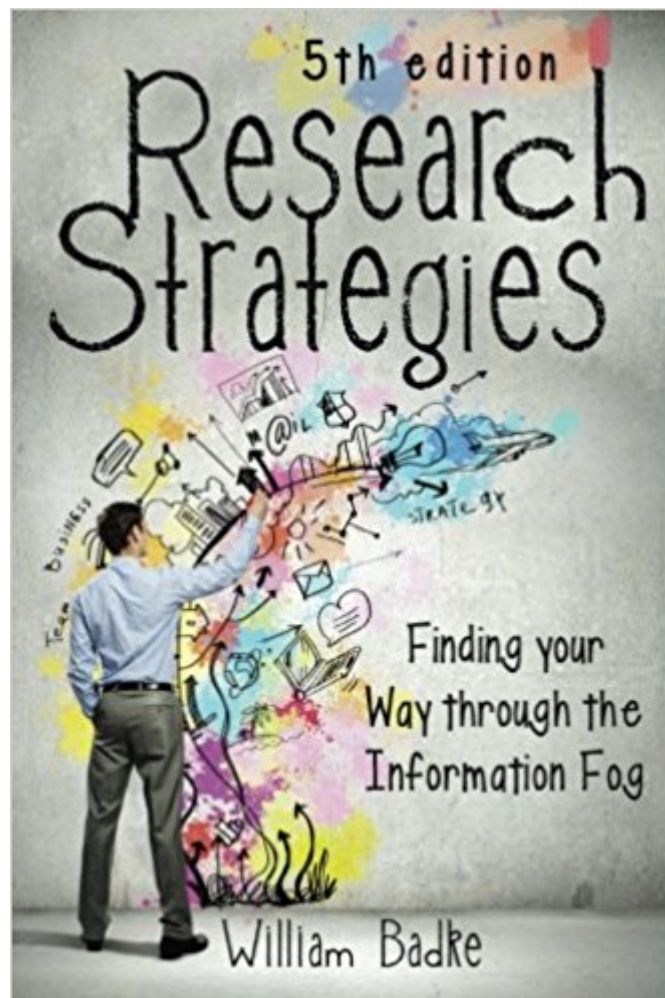




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Online resources have given us access to more knowledge than ever before. We're buried in data, and defining what is and what is not genuine information becomes more of a challenge all the time. In this fifth edition of *Research Strategies*, author William Badke helps you make sense of all of the available information, shows you how to navigate and discern it, and details how to use it to your advantage to become a better researcher. Badke focuses on informational research and provides a host of tips and advice not only for conducting research, but also for everything from finding a topic to writing an outline to documenting resources and polishing the final draft. Study guides, practice exercises, and assignments at the end of each chapter help reinforce each lesson. An experienced research instructor who has led thousands of students to become better researchers, Badke uses humor to help you gain a better understanding of today's complex, technological world. *Research Strategies* provides the skills and strategies to efficiently and effectively complete a research project from topic to finished product. It shows how research can be exciting and even fun.

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"Written in an engaging conversational style, Badke walks the novice researcher through each stage of the information seeking process - from crafting a good research question and designing a search to selecting and using appropriate resources. Badke manages to gently contextualize the information environment, revealing complexities to the reader without being tedious or tiresome." -

Meagan Lacy, ACRL Textbooks for Students."The book is terrific: it's written in accessible language for all levels of undergraduate students and includes both practical, skills-based instruction as well as discussion of the nuanced, critical thinking components of information production and use." - Maura Smale, *ACRL New York City College of Technology*"William Badke has been prolific in his writings in the past twenty or more years. Almost any of his writings are exemplary of his persuasive and often eloquent articulation of, and sometimes defense of, information literacy. Seminal, perhaps, is his early book *The Survivor's Guide to Library Research* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1990) and the follow-up, available in many editions, *Research Strategies: Finding Your Way Through the Information Fog...*" - S.M. Cowan in, *Library Journal: Libraries and the Academy*, 14(1), 23-32.

William Badke is associate librarian for Associated Canadian Theological Schools and Information Literacy at Trinity Western University, British Columbia Canada. Since the mid-1980s, he has been teaching students the joy of research done well. His book, *Research Strategies*, now in its fifth edition, is a leading resource for courses in informational research.

This was required for my Library Research Skills class at Montana State University, and is a really useful resource. Badke's writing is concise, non-trite, and his suggestions are intuitively applicable. He also includes some welcome wit to a sometimes dry subject. New editions are updated to include recent changes to everything research and web-oriented. Great book!!!

I teach information literacy to students at a community college. I've been using this book as my class text for a few semesters. I like it very much, especially Badke's writing style. I think it is an essential text for anyone interested in accessing information that counts!

I had an Information Competency course that required the use of this book. I decided to get the eBook, which I figured would be handy to access on my phone and it was. After finishing the course I can really say that, one: this book was used heavily and two: it is all incredibly useful for everyone. The book itself breaks down into different and relevant parts that makes it easier to understand where to start or fix your way of researching for an assignment/project. I know it sounds gimmicky, but it truly is like the holy grail of information break down. There are many things we are taught in school and to show proof of that we usually have to research and prove ourselves. Along that route though, we mostly get lost in old habits that are more inclined to fit what we'd search for in

a more limited capacity, Mr. Badke at least broadens our learning horizons by adding in more academically friendly ways to gain the proper sources. All in all, if you're in school or are planning on going back to school, check this book out. It will definitely help you in the long run, whether or not you realize it.

It seems that he is writing to perhaps a grad or post grad level. The problem is that the tips, tools, and hints that he gives are all that someone should have well before that level. Don't expect to learn much new but do expect it to be a library research refresher.

Excellent book that explains how to do academic research, prepare for writing a paper (if you have read enough that you can explain your topic for 1-minute to someone else, then you are ready to write your paper!), and all of the new databases that are available to use to find vetted articles. Mr. Badke writes in an easy-going manner, as a librarian and instructor. He also helps people through their anxiety with excellent pointers and insight.

As a returning college student I think this is the best book I've bought. It is an excellent resource on how to find, use and write research papers especially in the digital world where info is at your fingertips 24/7. The book is far from being a boring text. I wish I had this back in high school decades ago. A must get book for any high school thru college student. It's a great resource for teachers as well.

Excellent introduction to research and I'm and in information science. Very well written.

I just started reading this book - just finished chapter 1. The links the author provided have kept me busy for over two hours. The information in just that first chapter is worth the price of the book. It is well written, clear, easy to read, and even funny in parts. My biggest problem is that it is time to go to bed . . . I don't want to stop reading the book. For crying out loud - this is a research book! It's not the next great American novel. Yet, I didn't want to stop. I don't know how the rest of the book is going to pan out, but from all the five star reviews, I am guessing that the rest will be as informative as the first chapter. I should have found this book when I started my bachelor's. I'm just happy I found it before I started my master's. Many thanks to the author for such wonderful information.

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