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research can be fun

when you see it in

terms that relate to

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y elevating
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author shows
students how
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**sharply into
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possibilities
and their
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Since his view
is integrated
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research. The first part of the book tackles questions like “What is social research?” “How does it differ from journalism, documentary film-making,

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**or laboratory
research in
the natural
sciences?” and
“What is the
researcher’s
obligation to
those he or
she is
studying?”
The book also
covers the**

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how the various goals of social researchers shape the strategies they use and the representations of social life they construct. The latter part of

the book is structured around the typical emphases of each tradition: qualitative research on commonalities , comparative research on diversity, and

**quantitative
research on
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**These are not
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**creative ways.
Regardless of
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"... the book is not only a study of the history of sociological research methods in America, but it is an excellent piece of sociological research

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This interdisciplinary collection provides a set of innovative and inventive approaches to the use of video as a research method. Building on

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with video data. The collection showcases different video methods, including video diaries, video go-alongs, time-lapse video, mobile

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**showing how
it can be used
in practice.
The authors
offer
pragmatic
advice and
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**techniques
and skills,
analysis, and
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They also
show how
video methods
can be used in
a range of
different
contexts - at
train stations,**

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*the discipline in
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retains the book's
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students to the
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various fields. The
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