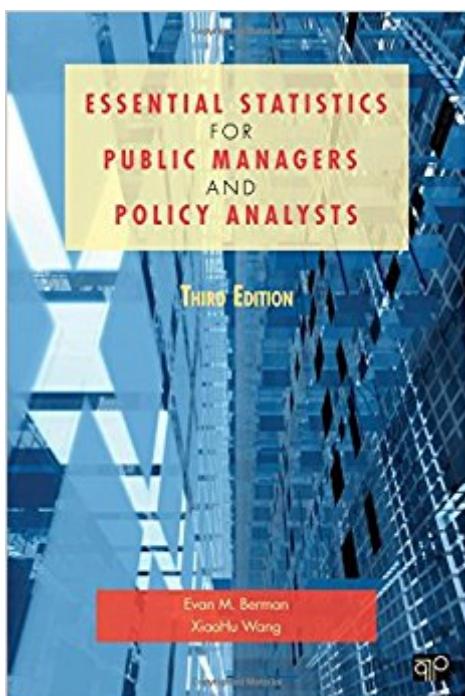The book was found

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I found this book to be very helpful. For my undergraduate degree I majored in biology and chemistry and I thought I had a fairly strong understanding of statistical analysis; I worked as a analytical chemist for two years and I aced my Quantitative Analysis courses; however, this book furthered my understanding substantially. I purchased this book for a statistics class that was required of me for an MPA program. It is a very friendly book that is surprisingly easy to read, especially for stats. It is great for laying out concepts, why you would utilize each test, and the circumstances at which you would use them. I appreciate it for that. I was so accustomed to plugging and chugging variables that I had forgotten the very concepts and meanings of the statistical equations I used. What I don't like about this book though is that it holds to being a brief introductory book. It does not flesh out the formulas, you have to buy the workbook to explore that option and that's something as a graduate student I cannot afford easily. It does what it intends to very well. It provides the essentials. Nothing more, nothing less. If you want to explore further, there

are plenty of footnotes within the book that will help you begin; however, you should not expect this book to be exhaustive by any means.I give the book 5/5 for achieving its aims and being an easy read. You will need a more rigorous book though after you finish this.

Love this book! This is a must have for any public policy manager or employee! I rented this for class and now am going to buy it. Its a must-add for my collection.

I really like the chart at the beginning that tells you what statistical tests to use based on the kinds of data you're working with.

Great textbook, written in plain and understandable language. A must read for policy analysts

This book covers how to calculate most of the statistics you will need to understand while acknowledging that the calculation process is what computers are for. More importantly, it covers when each statistical tool should and should not be used. It also helps you to know which rules you can bend and still get reliable data (because the world we work in does not always - ever? - give us a situation that can be a perfectly controlled double-blind experiment).

Book for school it was ok.

This book breaks down most of the confusing stats jargon in a way that almost anyone can understand. I really struggled with stats in college and this book combined with SPSS made me wonder why I ever thought it was so difficult! I highly recommend this book for anyone looking to measure program performance or for those working on a thesis or dissertation that deals with quantitative analysis. However, this book does not break down the stats equation but expects you to have software, such as SPSS to do that for you. It focuses more on interpreting data that has already been calculated with software. The book also details case studies to help you determine which type of process/test to use to maximize validity. All in all, I highly recommend this book.

This book does a great job of providing clear definitions and speaking to the reader in a way that is easy to understand. I have no background in statistics, but the writing is totally clear to me. Excellent resource.

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