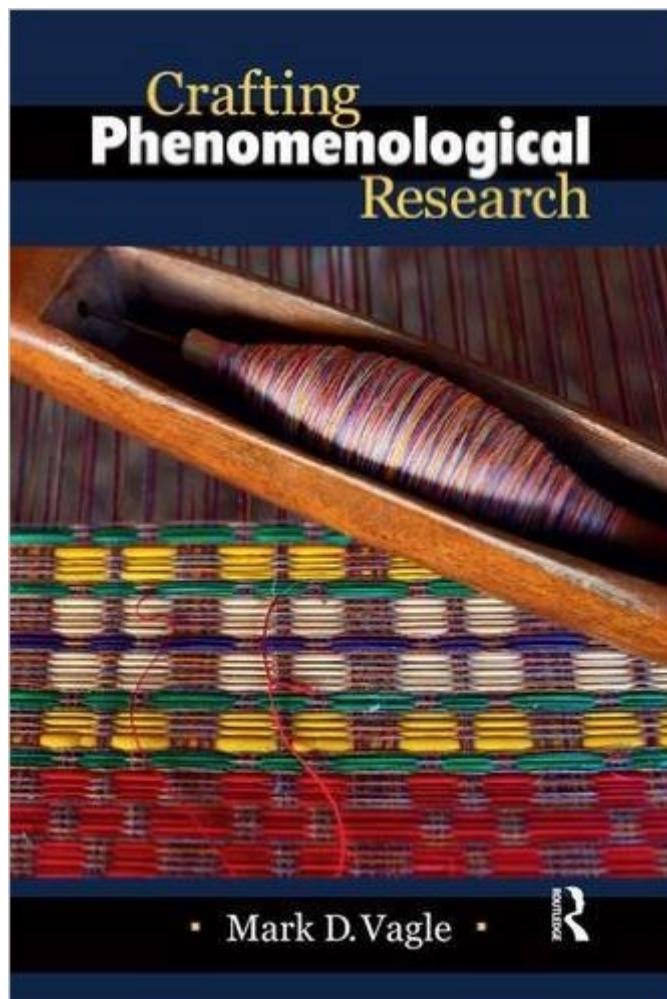


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Synopsis

This is an accessible, concise introduction to phenomenological research in education and social sciences. Mark Vagle outlines the key principles for conducting this research from leading contemporary practitioners, such as van Manen, Giorgi, and Dahlberg. He builds on their work by introducing his post-intentional phenomenology, which incorporates elements of post-structural thinking into traditional methods. Vagle provides readers with methodological tools to build their own phenomenological study, addressing such issues as data gathering, validity, and writing. Replete with exercises for students, case studies, resources for further research, and examples of completed phenomenological studies, this brief book affords the instructor an easy entrée into introducing phenomenology into courses on qualitative research, social theory, or educational research.

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I'm using phenomenology for my Masters thesis and looking to use the methodology very heavily in a PhD, and this book is fantastic for me as a beginner kind of teaching myself. It's jam-packed with resources and great ideas. Really, the best intro book on phenomenology you can find. Written in a language that is extremely accessible for a methodology textbook, it reads as though it is a conversation with Vagle in his office hours about phenomenology. His last section on Post-Intentional Phenomenology is really groundbreaking. I can't say enough good things about this book. If you're looking for what to read next, I recommend Clark Moustakas's 1994 text.

This text is very accessible and provides many excellent examples and resources. Vagle starts with basic understandings of phenomena and intentionality using insight from Merleau-Ponty, Sartre, Gadamer, Deleuze, and Sokolowski. He describes how phenomenology has grown from Husserl to Heidegger to contemporary variants such as Smith, Flowers, & Larkin's interpretive phenomenological analysis. He explains the different approaches from Giorgi, van Manen, and Dahlberg. This allows the reader to understand the philosophical commitments that underpin various phenomenological research approaches. This text is particularly valuable for scholars who want to put phenomenology in dialogue with post-structural theories (e.g., Grumet and Ahmed). Vagle's post-intentional phenomenology is useful for researchers who are exploring a phenomenon in multiple and varied contexts. This text provides a clear entry point into phenomenology and the philosophy. It is an excellent book!

I have read quite a few phenomenological texts, but found this one to be accessible in a way that helped me make important connections with concepts. In addition to talking about his own approach, post-intentional phenomenology, he takes time to honor the original work of Husserl and Heidegger as well as the more recent work done by Dahlberg and van Manen. I highly recommend this book.

This book was suggested by my dissertation supervising professor. It is a quick and easy read that gets straight to the point. Anyone that is doing phenomenological research should consider getting this book.

bought this to use in the methods chapter of my dissertation my advisor was surprised i used a book that had just come out and he ended up getting a copy as well

This is a good resource, if you already have some basic understanding of phenomenological research.

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