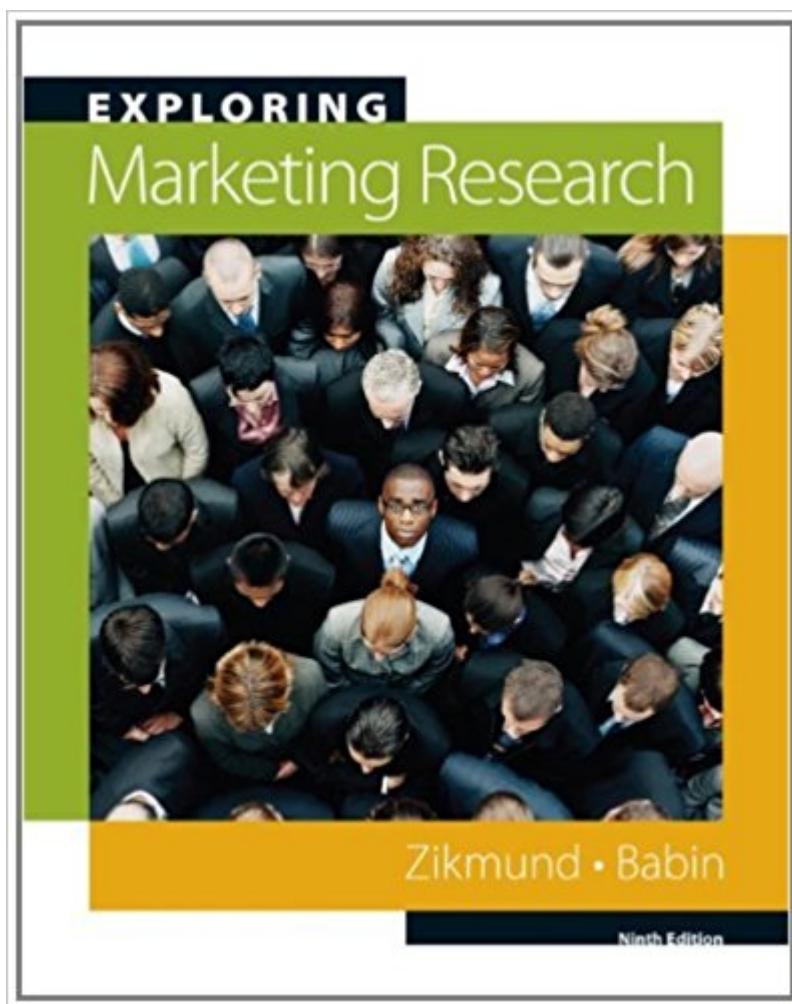


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A frequent user of college textbooks may wonder whether this book has been edited by the same person who has seemingly edited every other lousy textbook on the planet. To begin with, every definition of marketing terminology is muddled with needlessly obfuscated wording that serve to complicate simple terms rather than explain them with ease. Granted, the definition is usually buried in a single, simple sentence, but that doesn't prevent the authors from providing explanations that drone on forever (or are mind-numbingly obvious). To this book's credit, the sentences that contain the meat of these definitions are usually duplicated and isolated on the sidebars. Conceivably, you can get a better understanding of marketing from reading these sidebars and nothing else. Nevertheless, this hasn't prevented the authors from burying pertinent sentences within their muck - and the book's sales pitch in the preface sums up the irony of their perceived simplicity: "Writing Style: An accessible, interesting writing style continues as a hallmark of this book. With a careful balance between theory and practice and a sprinkling of interesting examples and anecdotes, the writing style clarifies and simplifies the market research process." Or, translated into plain English by yours truly: "We wrote this book in an easy-to-read fashion with concise, real-world examples." Furthermore, this textbook has been thoroughly done over by the "Department of Adding Redundant Summary Sentences to Textbooks," otherwise known as re-summarizing every section with a ludicrously obvious conclusive statement beginning with the word "clearly" (e.g.: "Clearly, legs are important to human beings, because without legs, we couldn't walk.") I'm completely baffled by this trend, for it shows up in every textbook - as if the word "clearly" were some sort of textbook cancer. How many textbooks are editors going to pollute with this childish, irritating drivel? Between the overcomplicated wording, excessive sentences, chartjunk, and meaningless stock images, it's quite likely that this 5-pound behemoth could have been cut down to half of its existing size if it were purged of redundant content - but then the publishers couldn't justify their outrageous prices, could they?

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