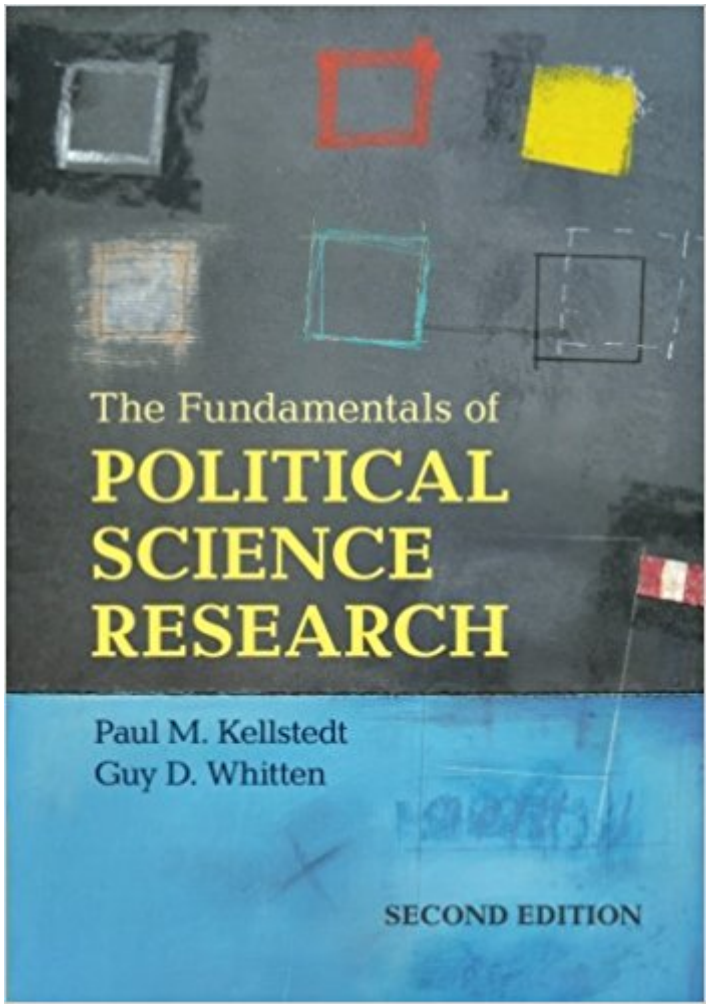
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Needed this book for a graduate course on quantitative methods for international affairs and it has been a wonderful resource.

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Exactly what it says, a good book for understanding fundamentals. I was particularly interested in the sections on causality and research design. It covered the basics but not as much depth or examples as I'd like.

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