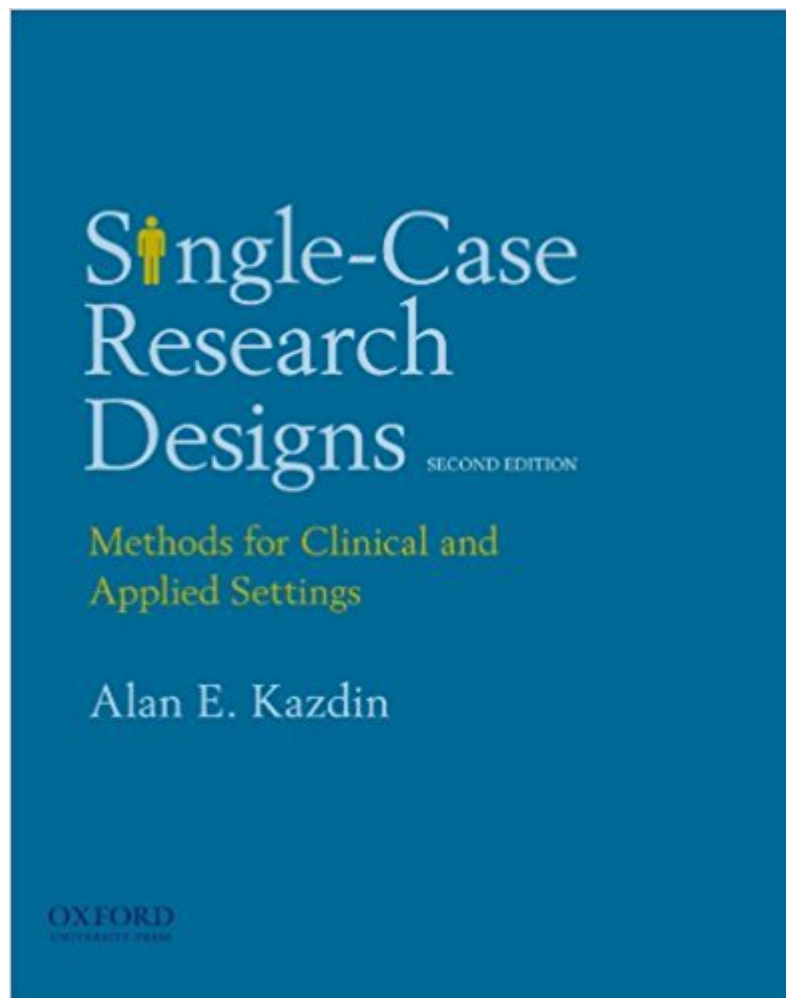




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# Single-Case Research Designs: Methods For Clinical And Applied Settings



## Synopsis

Single-case research has played an important role in developing and evaluating interventions that are designed to alter a particular facet of human functioning. Now thoroughly updated in its second edition, acclaimed author Alan E. Kazdin's *Single-Case Research Designs* provides a notable contrast to the quantitative methodology approach that pervades the biological and social sciences. While focusing on widely applicable methodologies for evaluating interventions--such as treatment or psychotherapy using applied behavior analysis--this revised edition also encompasses a broader range of research areas that utilize single-case designs, demonstrating the pertinence of this methodology in various disciplines, from psychology and medicine to business and industry. This well-written, clear, and thoroughly updated text is ideal for practitioners, instructors, and students alike.

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Kazdin's book as written is readable and concise; Kazdin concisely tells the bewildered graduate student exactly what s/he needs to know to conduct single-case research. The book is full of examples that elucidate the text, and it's highly readable. However, it does need updating for the reasons that Kazdin outlined. I am excited about the possibility of having a revised book available. This is a wonderful project, and I look forward to the finished project. I think I can say that I am certain (9-10 on a scale of 10) to adopt this book for my masters' students pursuing their theses.

-M.G. Lancaster, Professor of Counseling and Special Education, Midwestern State University Many

of my students ask me why I require a book published in 1982. My reply has been that it is an excellent book and covers the issues well. What was true in 1982 is still true in 2006 and the content is worth the use of the book. With an updated version, this revision will use the 1982 text as a base for an expansion and updating that is very relevant, and I expect that this 2nd edition will be an excellent contribution, well written and informative. I will certainly adopt the revised book as a required text (10 on a scale of 10). -Trevor F. Stokes, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida

The main strengths of the Kazdin text are its clarity, its simplicity, and its organization. I believe Kazdin is a gifted writer; I find his style to be concise and to the point. He provides superb examples for the points he makes. I would adopt this book in a 'heartbeat'! -James Halle, Department of Special Education, University of Illinois

I have been using Kazdin's single-case research design book for this course since I started teaching it in Fall 1999. I would rate the book a 9 on a ten-point scale for satisfaction. Kazdin's book has a lot of strengths. Its contents are comprehensive and its writing is clear and organized. The book can be a self-study material because it is so self-explanatory and the case examples are helpful for understanding various methods. Although the book has not been revised since its first edition in 1982, the book is still widely used today because the contents are still strong and applicable. I will definitely adopt the revised book with the proposed changes (10 on a ten-point scale). -Y. Barry Chung, Counseling & Psychological Services, Georgia State University

"As in Kazdin's other work, the information presented in Single-Case Research Designs is accessible to a wide audience from diverse training backgrounds. Readers are likely to feel inspired to let their own scientist-practitioner emerge to answer questions important for their clients, their practice, and their community."--Lisa Fitzgibbons, American Psychological Association

Alan E. Kazdin was 2008 President of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Kazdin is the John M. Musser Professor of Psychology at Yale University. In addition, he is a professor at the Institute of Social & Policy Studies and Director of the Child Conduct Clinic. His research group studies developmental psychopathology and focuses on questions related to diagnoses, assessment, and treatment of childhood disorders. His extensive publications include textbooks in the areas of research design in clinical psychology and behavioral modification in applied settings. He is the author or editor of several books including Parent Management Training (OUP, 2008) and the Encyclopedia of Psychology (OUP, 2000).

Kazdin made understanding single-case design a breeze for this graduate student pursuing a

degree in mental health and substance use disorder counseling. His writing style is that of a wonderful teacher - not bogged down with technical jargon, straight-forward, and yet very informative. I can say with confidence that I understand single-case research design after reading this. I don't usually review textbooks, because, well, what is the point? If you are a student, you are going to have to buy this book regardless. I just wanted any future student to know that you might actually learn something from this one - without pulling out your hair or crying profusely onto your homework assignments.

I used this book almost exclusively for one of my candidacy exam questions in an applied behavior analysis doctoral program. I had been a bit sketchy on research methodology and felt I needed to bone up on it, so I asked one of my committee members to consider that as a topic and to give me several references from which to study. She recommended Johnston & Pennypacker's *Strategies and Tactics of Behavioral Research* (1993), Murray Sidman's classic *Tactics of Scientific Research* (1960), and this one. I had used both the other texts in a class I had, and I knew them to be readable but dense. I started with this one when I began studying for my exam, and it's really the only one I used. Kazdin's language is clear and reader-friendly, especially useful for me being new to research in general, let alone single subject research. Kazdin uses plenty of illustrations, both verbal and graphic, so his explanations are even further clarified. I don't think I can say enough except that this is a great resource on the subject of single subject design.

This was essential reading for my graduate school course. It is a very dry text, though very informative on the essential components of single-case research. It was shipped very quickly through . Thank you.

Wonderful book I needed for a graduate level course. The layout is very helpful.

This is a great text. I've learned a lot about Single Case Research thanks to this text, which was required reading for a graduate course I am taking. I would recommend this book if you need to learn about this style of research design. Kazdin has a good sense of humor that is sprinkled through the book and helps keep the sometimes-dry material a bit more entertaining to read. I want to learn more about SSRD now, thanks to the class and this book. :)

This book helped me tremendously in taking my ABA course. A wealth of information is provided

about single case designs and almost everything I searched for I received plenty of information to clarify my questions.

The author wrote as if we were in a coffee shop discussing all her vast past experiences. I felt trust in the author's knowledge and it was easy to read. Great writing!

for review, for initial learning. good one, has case studies and examples. somewhat dry but this is a classic for all researchers

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