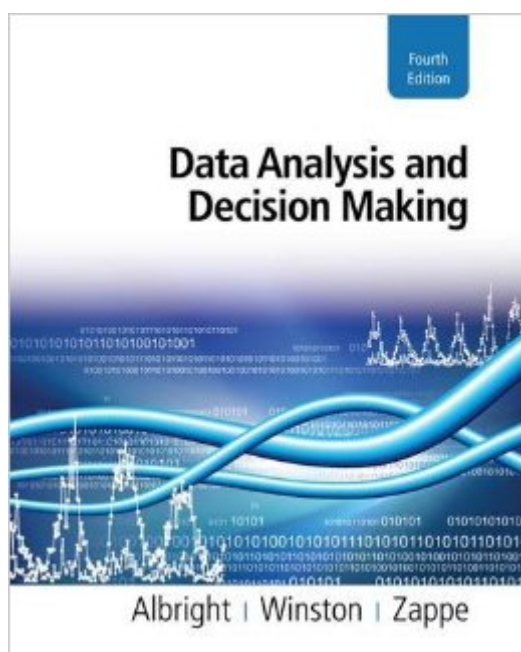


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# Data Analysis And Decision Making



## Synopsis

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I really liked this book! Mainly because when you compare it to other stats books this breaks everything down to a very elementary level but in a way that you can catch on but won't take too long getting the point. With that being said there were a few things I didn't like (why I didn't give it

five stars). 1. The books references too much of the Palisades software. I know it's great software but there is no reason to keep expressing that. 2. The authors often say later in the chapter, later in the book, in a later section, we won't get to it in this book, etc. I get the point but it's not necessary to tell me what I will not be reading in a particular section, just stick to the text no need for a heads up. Other than that the book is five stars in my eyes -so let's give them four.

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