

Joanna M. Setchell presents an exceptionally comprehensive and highly accessible guide to the study of primates. To my mind, this is an essential text for any student of primatology; it will be top of the reading list for every course I teach in this area.

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At long last a volume that will give students and professors a road map of solutions to real world problems of conducting research. Thorough, rigorous and compelling, this is a must-read for all primatology graduate students and seasoned scientists.

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This book is timely, highly needed and very welcome. It introduces basic principles and rules of scientific inquiry – from devising research questions to preparing research results for publication, always considering ethical issues – and tackles these issues from a taxon-specific, namely primatological perspective.

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Primatology draws on theory and methods from diverse fields, including anatomy, anthropology, biology, ecology, medicine, psychology, veterinary sciences, and zoology. The more than 500 species of primate range from tiny mouse lemurs to huge gorillas, and primatologists collect data in a variety of environments including field sites, research facilities, museums, sanctuaries and zoos as well as from the literature. The variability in our research interests, study animals and research sites means that there are no standard protocols for how to study primates. Nevertheless, asking good questions and designing appropriate studies to answer them are vital if we are to produce high-quality science. This accessible guide for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers explains how to develop a research question, formulate testable hypotheses and predictions, design and conduct a project, and report the results. The focus is on research integrity and ethics throughout, and the book provides practical advice on overcoming common difficulties researchers face.

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