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Phyllis Noerager Stern and Caroline Jane Porr provide the most accessible description of grounded theory methods to date in this brief, clear, and useful guide. Based on the foundational work of Barney Glaser, the volume reflects the complexity of conducting grounded theory research-- not something that can be done "by the numbers"-- while offering much-needed help to younger scholars and community-based researchers in using the method effectively in practice. Examples, exercises, references and a glossary provide important resources for the grounded-theory novice.

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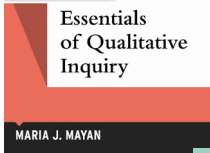
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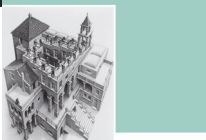
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