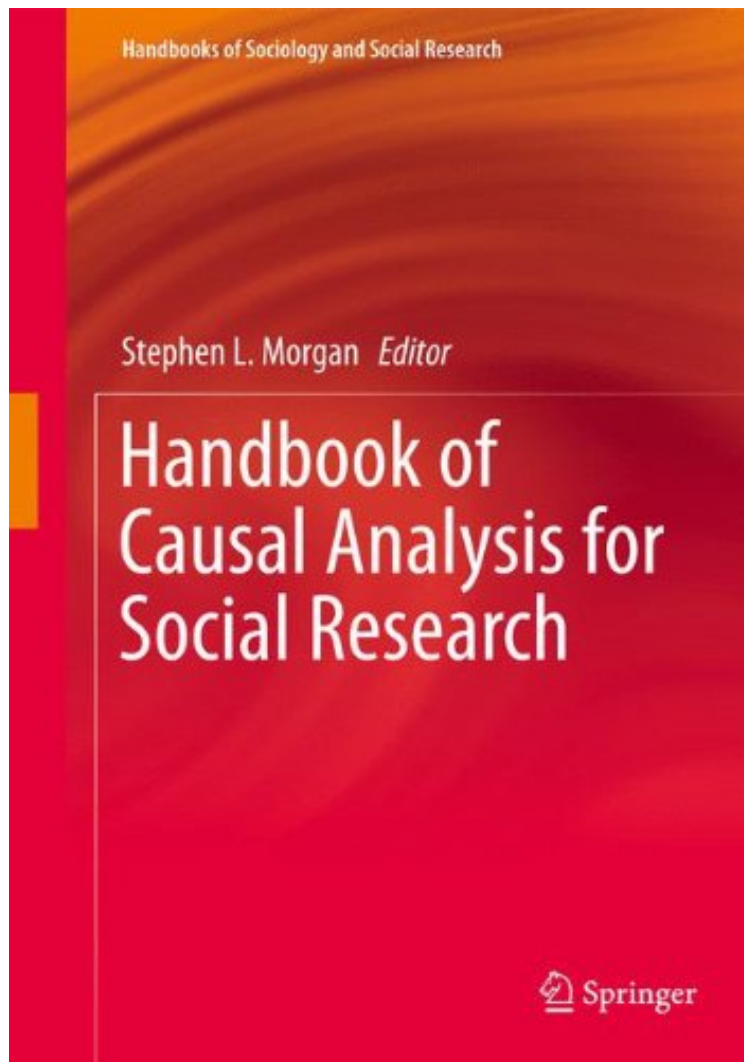


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already available from the practical standpoint, and it doesn't have to be CASUAL Analysis (check the title of the book!)", but that's just not worth it. It's too little advice for way too much money. On the top of that, J. Pearl (chapter 13 I think) is rhapsodizing about how SEM is "the same" as Casual Calculus. I think it helpful if you are an old SEM dog. But there is nothing about how to really, practically, use his theory he is already praised for. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must-have text for anyone who uses econometric methods By David D. Torres This text offers a comprehensive overview of a number of issues relevant to making causal inferences. A great resource for sociologists, economists, psychologists, and others carrying out social science research.

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