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# New This Month

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SPECIAL E-BOOK EDITION



## AID AND DEVELOPMENT

**Aid on the edge of chaos.** Ramalingam, Ben. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

Arguing that development assistance systems are complex networks, the author of this volume contends that international aid practitioners today rely too heavily on century-old paradigms. He urges that the aid world needs to come to terms with today's interconnectedness and adopt the use of the many new tools available for understanding and working with today's complexities. Quoting USAID's Administrator Rajiv Shah, Ramalingam says that "we will not always have the control we have grown accustomed to exercising, and we

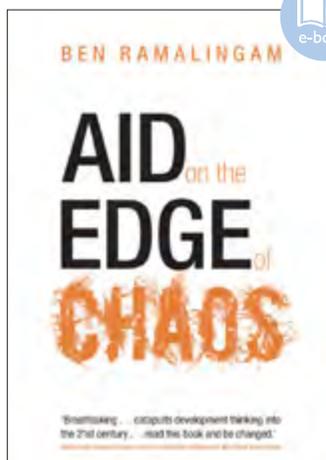


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have to get used to that." Ramalingam's primary object lesson is the story of aid for rice cultivation in Bali. This book is also available in print.

**Disaster recovery: used or misused development opportunity.** Shaw, Rajib. Tokyo: Springer, 2015. Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

Shaw highlights lessons learned from diverse disaster situations. This book is divided into four parts, which indicate the frameworks from which he analyzes these conditions: governance and institutional issues, education and learning issues, technology and innovation issues, and cross-cutting issues. He provides an outline of the ways in which disaster recovery can be used as a development opportunity.



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**Working with the grain: integrating governance and growth in development strategies.**

Levy, Brian. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

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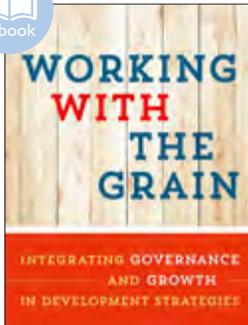


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As an alternative to the “best practices” approach to governance reform that has dominated the development discourse in recent decades, Levy provides policymakers, donors, civil society activists, and other development practitioners a practical, analytically grounded, “with-the-grain” approach to governance

reform and development policymaking. He examines how institutions, politics, and economic policy interact with one another and encourages the exploration of possibilities that respond creatively to the governance ambiguities of our early twenty-first century world. This book is also available in print.

**HISTORY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**Afghanistan at transition: lessons of the longest war.** Cordesman, Anthony H. and Aaron Lin. Washington, D.C.: Center for Strategic & International Studies, 2015.

Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

Based on more than ten years of reporting and analysis of the Afghan war, this book explores lessons to be learned from the war in Afghanistan, the trends at the time of transition, and the problems present now that most U.S. and Allied troops have left the country. These problems include the lack of political unity, the growing budget crisis, and critical problems with power brokers and corruption.



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**A history of Southeast Asia: critical crossroads.**

Reid, Anthony. Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley, 2015.

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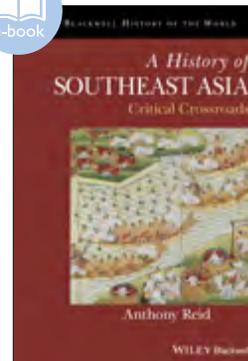


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This text traces the history of Southeast Asia from its earliest known civilizations and religious patterns to the present. It incorporates information on environmental, social, economic, and gender issues and concludes with a chapter on global comparisons.

**DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE**

**Challenges to democratic governance in developing countries.**

Mudacumura, Gedeon M. and Göktuğ Morçöl editors. New York: Springer, 2014.

Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

This book investigates the problems of democratic governance and examines whether democracy should be based on universal principles or if local context and historical factors should be taken into account. It also analyzes whether governmental, NGOs, and civil societies are effective in promoting democratic governance and curbing corruption.

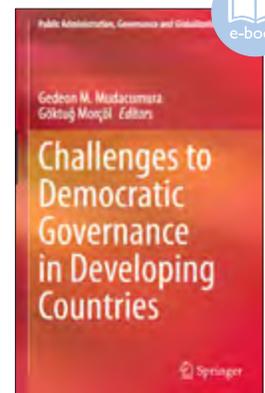


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### Civil society and democracy promotion.

Beichelt, Timm, Irene Hahn, Frank Schimmelfennig, and Susann Worschech, editors. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

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Looking specifically at countries with a failed or deficient process of democratic consolidation, the contributors analyze the impact and importance of civil society development and the problems of external civil society promotion on democracy promotion in post-socialist Eastern Europe. They examine the roles civil society play for democratization and how democracy promotion can support or undermine these roles.

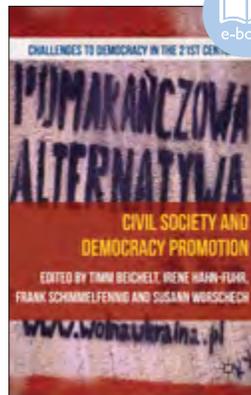


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### Global human trafficking: critical issues and contexts.

Dragiewicz, Molly, editor. London: Routledge, 2015.

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This interdisciplinary, critical perspective on the study of human trafficking offers introductory chapters providing background and explaining key concepts. It then highlights recent research to understand the causes of the problem, the experiences of victims, policy efforts, and their consequences in specific cultural and historical contexts.

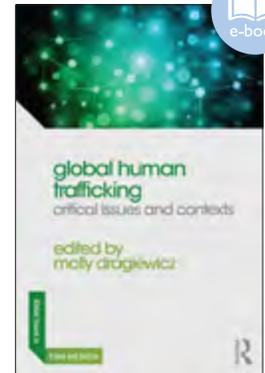


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### Democracy in decline?

Diamond, Larry and Marc F. Plattner, editors. Foreword by Condoleezza Rice. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015.

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For the past ten years, Freedom House's annual survey has highlighted a decline in democracy throughout the globe. In this volume, scholars offer competing viewpoints as to whether the world has entered a "democratic recession." They address concerns about the health of democracy including the poor economic and political performance of advanced democracies, the new assertiveness of some leading authoritarian countries, and a geopolitical weakening of democracies relative to these resurgent authoritarians.

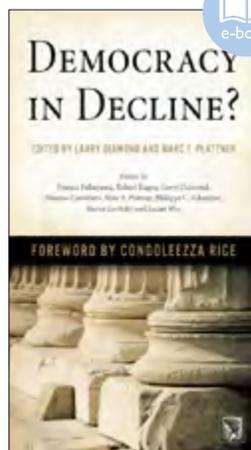


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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

### Economic growth and development in Africa: understanding trends and prospects.

Chitonge, Hormon. New York: Routledge, 2015.

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This book examines economic growth in Africa, analyzing the roles the World Bank and the IMF have played in its development. It offers a critical assessment of the explanations given for the poor economic growth in Africa prior to the millennium and calls for efforts to increase the number of Africans who are included in the economic growth boom.

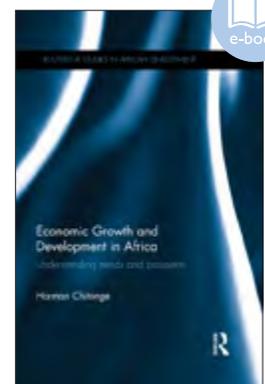


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## A history of development economics thought: challenges and counter-challenges.

Kahn, Shahrukh Rafi. London: Routledge, 2014.

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Shahrukh provides a history of economic development thought, emphasizing alternative approaches in macro development economics. He documents its evolution from the early developmentalists and structuralists, to radical development theory, the neo-liberal counter revolution, and the debate between new developmentalists and neo-liberal scholars.

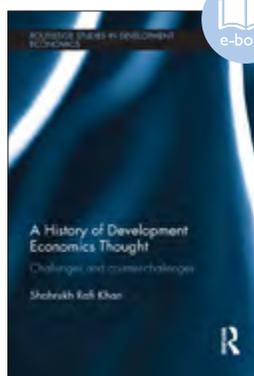


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## EDUCATION

### International education aid in developing Asia: policies and practices.

Cheng, I-Hsuan and Sheng-Ju Chan, editors. Singapore: Springer, 2015.

Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

Utilizing an array of country case studies of donor states, recipient states, and those with the dual donor–recipient role, the contributors examine international education aid policies and practices in Asia. They propose ways in which international education aid and development can be extended beyond the end of the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Education for All (EFA) in 2015.

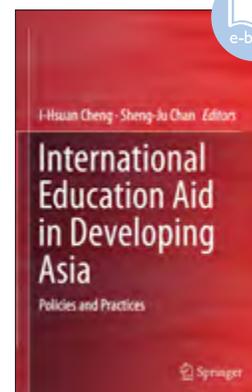


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### Poverty, inequality and growth in developing countries: theoretical and empirical approaches.

Maki, Atsushi. London: Routledge, 2015.

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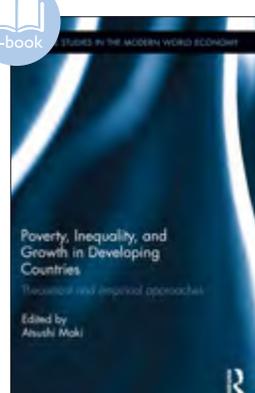


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Examining case studies from Asian and African countries, this book provides empirical analysis on the implications of policies put in place by national and international organizations in order to decrease poverty and inequality. The author aims to provide a basis for improving policies and outcomes in developing countries.

## GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

### The Routledge handbook of gender and development.

Coles, Anne, Leslie Gray, and Janet Momsen, editors. London: Routledge, 2015.

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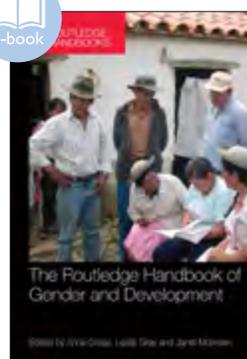


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This book examines development policy making and practice globally, exploring the current state of gender and development. It contains contributions pertaining to environmental resources, population and poverty, health and survival, mobility, conflict and victimization, international economics, and development organizations.



## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**Integrated water resource planning: achieving sustainable outcomes.** Baldwin, Claudia and Mark Hamstead. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2015.

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Utilizing a wide range of case studies, this book examines water reform experiences throughout the globe, providing lessons in managing environmental uncertainties, long term management, and increase in water resource demand. It details the common steps of water resource planning, applies program logic and evaluation theory, and discusses best

practices in assessment, decision making, and community engagement.

**New challenges to food security: from climate change to fragile states.** Christoplos, Ian and Adam Pain, editors. London: Routledge, 2015.

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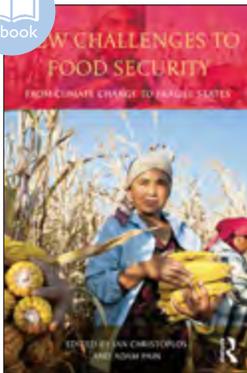


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This book explores the different factors that impact food security and the interplay among them including market volatility, climate change and state fragility. The contributors analyze responses to food security crises in both rural and urban environments, national policy formation, and investment in land and productive technologies.

**The new harvest: agricultural innovation in Africa.** Juma, Calestous. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2015.

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Juma argues that Africa has the ability to feed itself in a generation and help contribute to global food security by placing agriculture at the center of the continent's economic transformation. His ideas include harnessing scientific and technological advances, investing in infrastructure, fostering higher technical training, and creating regional markets.

## HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

**Diseases of poverty: epidemiology, infectious diseases, and modern plagues.** Adams, Lisa V. and John R. Butterly.

Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

Adams and Butterly examine the epidemiology and social impact of past and present infectious disease epidemics in the developing and developed world. They present early and contemporary perspectives on disease and disease control, examine specific diseases that represent "loud" and "silent emergencies," and explore topics including antibiotic resistance, AIDS, malaria, pandemic influenza, and nutrition and sanitation. The work of USAID is discussed in several chapters. This book is also available in print.

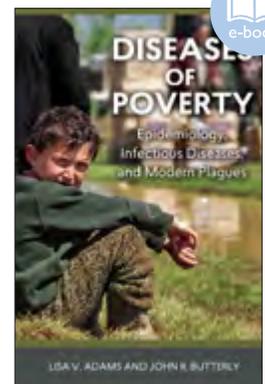


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**HIV essentials.** Sax, Paul E., Calvin J. Cohen, and Daniel R. Kuritzkes. Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning, 2014.

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This completely revised 7th edition incorporates the latest clinical guidelines into a compendium of the diagnosis, evaluation, management, and prevention of HIV infection and its complications. Chapter topics include diagnosis and evaluation of HIV infection, treatment failure and resistance testing, HIV infection and pregnancy, and antiretroviral drug summaries.

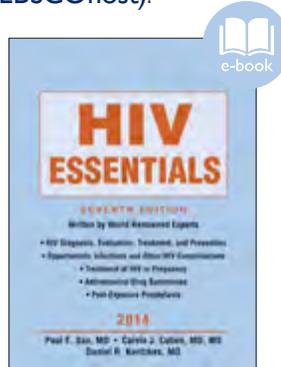


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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Cool infographics: effective communication with data visualization and design.** Krum, Randy. Indianapolis, IN: Wiley, 2014.

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This book presents the design process and the best software tools for creating infographics that present data most effectively. Chapter topics include online infographics, infographic resumes, designing infographics, and design resources.

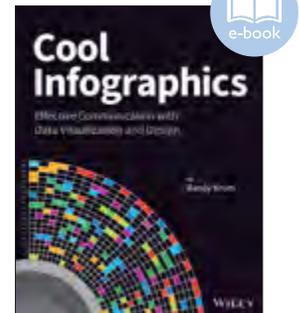


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### Shaping global health policy: global social policy actors and ideas about health care systems.

Kaasch, Alexandra. Houndmills, Basingstoke Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

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Kaasch assesses the global social policy actors, comprised of governmental and non-governmental organizations including the World Health Organization, World Bank, G8, G20, BRICS, and others, and compares their ideas about national health care systems. She focuses on the importance of health provision, financing, and regulation to a comprehensive system of health and social protection.

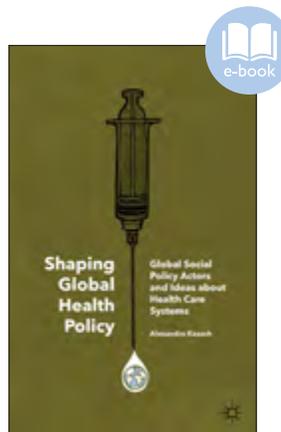


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### Statistics for big data for dummies.

Anderson, Allen and David Semmelroth. Hoboken, NJ: For Dummies, 2015.

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As an introduction to statistics for big data, this book informs readers on preparing and cleaning data, exploratory data analysis, and big data applications. It offers clear explanations and of step-by-step instruction to help readers make sense of data mining.

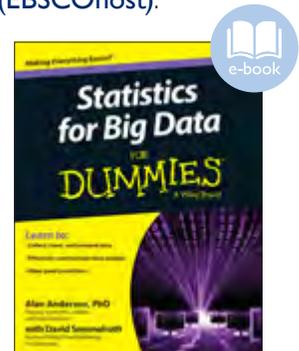


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**Technologies for development: what is essential?** Hostettler, Silvia, Eileen Hazboun, and Jean-Claude Bolay, editors. Cham: Springer, 2015.

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The contributors utilize case studies from Africa, Asia and Latin America to address global development issues in the fields of health, energy, ICT, and urbanism. Beginning with an introduction to key issues pertaining to technology in development, the remainder of the book is divided into sections on innovative technologies for development, open source-open

access-open innovation, medical technologies for the Global South, and impact assessment of technologies for development.

**Project management 2.0: leveraging tools, distributed collaboration, and metrics for project success.** Kerzner, Harold. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2015.

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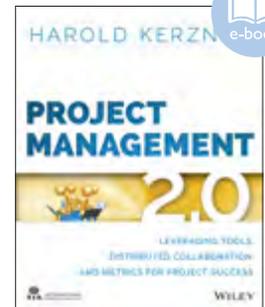


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This book offers a new approach and toolset for practicing project management in a virtual world. The author lists new project management tools that are changing the workflow processes and teaches readers how to improve collaboration with stakeholders. Readers will explore new ideas and processes for better project governance and learn how to achieve more meaningful information reporting with traditional tools.

**Project management for dummies.** Graham, Nick and Stanley E. Portney. Milton, Qld: For Dummies, 2015.

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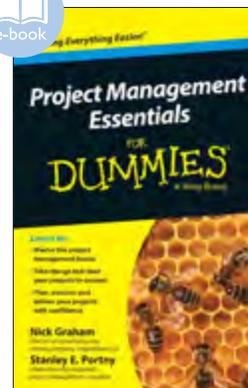


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This introduction to project management provides readers with the tools needed to assess their strengths and weaknesses to maximize their project management potential. It details how to motivate a project team, organize, estimate and schedule projects more efficiently, manage deliverables, assess risks, maintain communications, and utilize time-saving technologies.

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT

**A guide to the project management body of knowledge (PMBOK guide).** Project Management Institute. Newtown Square, PA: Project Management Institute, 2013.

Available from: [eBook Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#).

In its fifth edition, this guide provides the fundamentals of project management as they apply to a wide range of projects. Chapter topics include the management of project scope, time, cost, quality, human resources, communications, risk, procurement, and stakeholders.

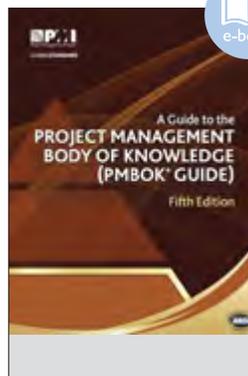


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## COMPUTER PROGRAMS

**Excel 2010 for dummies.** Harvey, Greg. Hoboken, NJ: For Dummies, 2010.

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The release of Office 2010 updated the interface and features of Excel. This volume helps both beginning and experienced users become comfortable working with the latest program, covering how to create and edit worksheets and charts, format cells, enter formulas, insert graphs, design database forms, add hyperlinks to worksheets, save worksheets as Web pages, and much more.

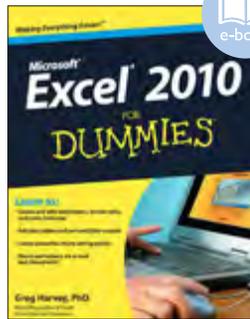


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**Teach yourself visually Office 2010.** Shoup, Kate. Indianapolis, IN: Visual, 2010.

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Offering step-by-step screen shots, this book visually shows readers how to tackle Microsoft Office 2010, comprised of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, and Publisher. It includes instructions on accomplishing over 220 tasks, including how to build a spreadsheet, organize a presentation, query data, and fine tune a publication.

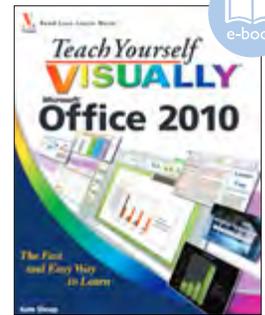


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**Learning Tableau: leverage the power of tableau 9.0 to design rich data visualizations and build fully interactive dashboards.**

Milligan, Joshua N. Birmingham, UK: Packt Publishing, 2015.

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This book provides tips and tricks for beginning and experienced users of Tableau, a tool that helps users understand and answer complex questions about their data. It teaches readers to analyze data by creating data visualizations, perform analysis by blending data from different sources, create interactive dashboards to share data stories, and enhance visualizations with custom formatting. Tableau is available on a workstation in the USAID Library. This book is also available in print.

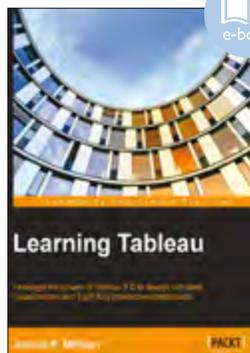


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