excluding problems and requiring little reader activity, and in keeping the book so short as to preclude more than superficial analyses of complex techniques? By skimming over fundamentals, they do not prepare historians very well to go on to read the more advanced presentations of statistical methods in the literature. By keeping their introduction so simple, they do not equip the historian to use and understand multiple correlation and regression analysis to analyze election returns, or multidimensional scaling or factor analysis to study legislatures, to cite only examples from political history. Therefore, they force the unprepared student to wade into much more technical literature if he is to apply their gospel (quantify, if possible). The very simplicity which will no doubt make the Guide appealing to many readers thus diminishes its usefulness for those historians who need to master even moderately sophisticated methods.

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