



practice. Weakliem is a strong advocate of principled and thoughtful application of all our modeling techniques.

Weakliem is like a master chef who explains the relations among all the elements of cooking without providing you with a single recipe. You are given all the ingredients and the principles of combination that allow you to create your own recipe—one that is the perfect combination for the research meal you desire to create. He shows us how to create such masterful works by walking us through real research questions with real data.

One final feature of this book that I love is the wonderful set of bibliographies that Weakliem has assembled at the end of each chapter. This book is bound to be a mainstay reference guide to model selection, specification, estimation, and evaluation, and the bibliographies are rich fodder to feed the intellectual hunger that he elicits in each chapter. They are a qualifying-exam's worth of influential readings that graduate students should take full advantage of. And, of course, put Weakliem's book on your exam's reading list, because it really will be your roadmap going forward.

As always, "enjoy!" Oh, and "make good choices."

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