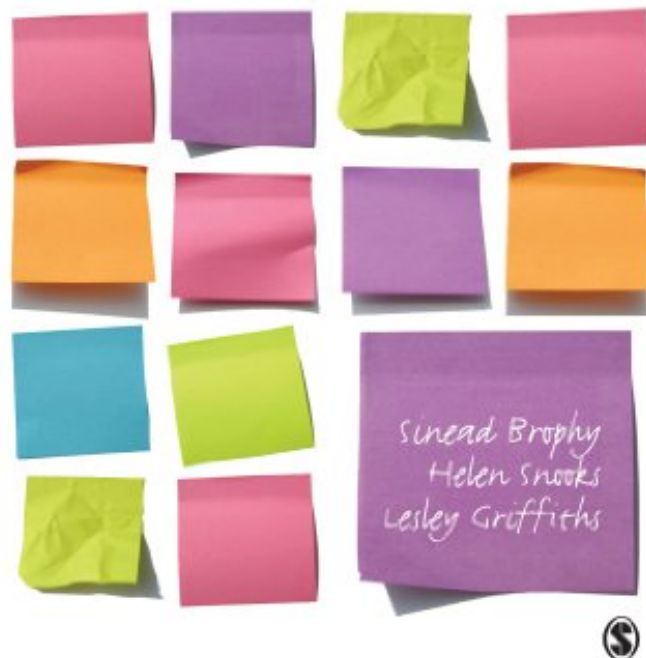


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Small-Scale Evaluation in Health is an easy-to-use guide that sets out the basics of designing, conducting, and analyzing an evaluation study in healthcare settings from start to finish. The authors take a straight-forward, practical approach, assuming no previous knowledge or experience of evaluation. All the basics are covered, including how to plan an evaluation; research Governance and ethics; understanding data; interpreting findings; and writing a report.

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