In four parts, the fundamentals, specifics, and advances of meta-analytical approaches are explored in detail, and the procedures are comparatively evaluated. The major approaches used in practice, as well as refined ones, are presented in a consistent manner to facilitate comprehension of their specifics and commonalities. They are compared both from a theoretical viewpoint as well as on the basis of Monte Carlo study results. It is highlighted when the procedures of commonly applied approaches work properly and when they fail to provide reliable results.

The book is relevant for researchers for whom correlations represent an effect size of vital interest, as well as for those desiring an enhanced understanding of the methods of meta-analysis.