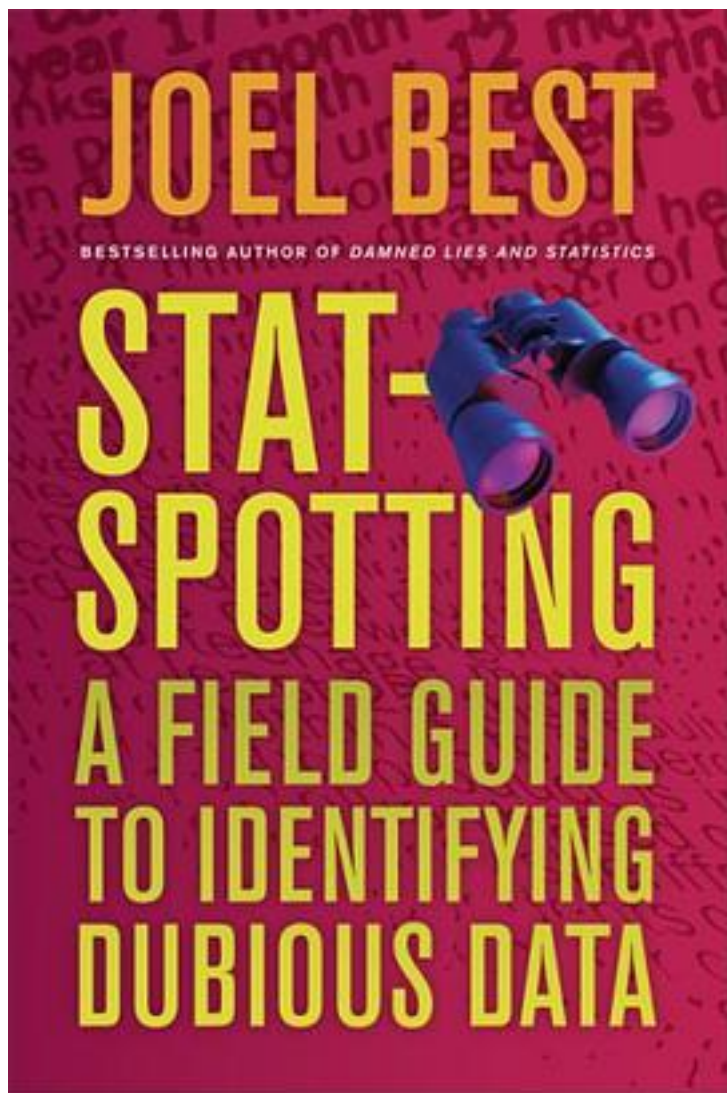


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Are four million women really battered to death by their husbands or boyfriends each year? Does a young person commit suicide every thirteen minutes in the United States? Is methamphetamine our number one drug problem today? Alarming statistics bombard our daily lives, appearing in the news, on the Web, seemingly everywhere. But all too often, even the most respected publications present numbers that are miscalculated, misinterpreted, hyped, or simply misleading. Following on the heels of his highly acclaimed "Damned Lies and Statistics" and "More Damned Lies and Statistics", Joel Best now offers this practical field guide to help everyone identify questionable statistics. Entertaining, informative, and concise, "Stat-Spotting" is essential reading for people who want to be more savvy and critical consumers of news and information. "Stat-Spotting" features pertinent examples from today's news, including the number of deaths reported in Iraq, the threat of secondhand smoke, the increase in the number of overweight Americans, and many more, and a commonsense approach that doesn't require advanced math or statistics.

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