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"I found the book extremely helpful. Over the last few months I am regularly reaching for the book from my bookshelf to find sensible R code and to help with some data manipulation. The material is laid out in a way that makes it very accessible. Because of this I recommend this book to any R user regardless of his or her familiarity with SAS or SPSS. For those dedicated SAS and SPSS users I especially recommend the book. As discussed in the Introduction section, the basics of the R language are very different from SAS and SPSS but this book's layout, style, and content help with these differences. The ordering of the material is very user-friendly and sensible...To new R users, and to R users of some years experience, I recommend this book. For new R users it will demystify many aspects, and for existing R users it will have many answers to those questions you have been too afraid to ask in public...." *The American Statistician*, February 2010, Vol. 64, No. 1

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"R for SAS and SPSS Users provides an excellent introduction to R. As Muenchen, Manager of the Statistical Computing Center at the University of Tennessee, notes in the Preface, the SPSS and SAS platforms, introduced over 30 years ago, have much in common – but are very different than 10 year old R. The book's first chapters focus on gentle GUI's for R before taking on the language starting in Chapter 8. At that point the book meticulously covers data management, data structures, programming, graphics and basic statistical analysis in R. The prose is clear, the examples tied to their SPSS and SAS analogs. The handling of both traditional and newer “ggplot2” graphics is comprehensive: SPSS and SAS users will undoubtedly

find lots to like. The appendixes contrast R jargon with SPSS/SAS and compare SPSS/SAS products with the corresponding R packages." (Information Management, June 15, 2010)

"This book is designed for SAS/SPSS users interested in making a transition to R or wanting to add the additional capabilities of R to their repertoire. ... book provides many simple how to s for new users of R and lots of comparative examples for users with knowledge of SAS and SPSS. ... It is intended to help make the transition from SAS or SPSS to R as painless and smooth ... ." (Roger M. Sauter, Technometrics, Vol. 53 (1), February, 2011)

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