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Will I use the book?

People that took the class before probably are less biased (than the professor).

Is there a custom edition for the class? Sometimes your professor changes the content or order of the book chapters.



Can I get an older edition?

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Am I going to use the online code? (e.g. MyStatLab)

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Step 3: Look it up on an open source search engine:

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