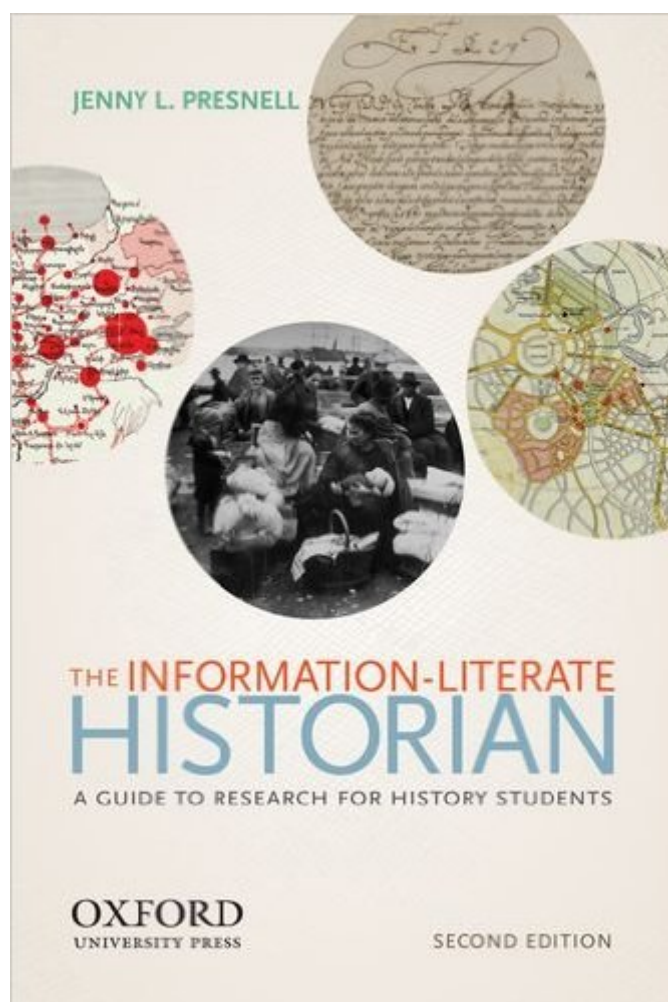


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# The Information-Literate Historian



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My copy of *The Information-Literate Historian* is defective. It is missing pages and is bound incorrectly. I was unable to read chapter 2 as all but the first page is missing. It jumps from page 26 to 171 continues to 218 then back to 75 and so on, the rest of the book is messed up too. So basically I have two copies of chapter 7. I ordered it early for a class and didn't notice the mistake until after the return date, so in the end I had to buy two.

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