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[Research Alive. Exploring Generative Moments of Doing Qualitative Research.](#)

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What makes qualitative research really worth doing? When do people feel most alive and energized in their research? *Research Alive* offers insight into the doing of qualitative research by focusing on stories of moments that are experienced as *generative*. A focus on generative moments illuminates what is life-giving, transformative and expansive both with regards to imagination of ideas and development of scholars in the process of doing research. The book offers a unique array of 40 stories from both new and established scholars. The stories cover the full arc of the research process, from initial idea conception to publication and other forms of interaction with users of research. The stories are personal, back-stage accounts of everyday challenges in research and their resolutions - some derived from action research, some from ethnographies, others from more historical studies. These accounts provide readers with insights about the micro-moments that compose the doing of qualitative research, that are typically invisible, not discussed and yet are wellsprings of motivation and insight that sustain and inspire qualitative researchers. From these stories readers will gain critical new insights about research practice and acquire important perspectives that are an inherent part of developing as a research scholar.

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The book is organized into three sections: stories of Seeding in Research with a commentary by Calvin Morrill, stories of Growing in Research with a commentary by Ann Cunliffe and stories of Harvesting in Research with a commentary by Joanne Martin. Chapters by Arne Carlsen and Jane Dutton open and close the volume.

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Coldevin, Grete Håkonsen	The story of H. Bustos Domecq: Creating 'third person' conversations
Cotton, Natalie	Maiden voyage: Mapping the territory
Czarniawska, Barbara	What comes first, the egg or the chicken?
Decelles, Katy	Finding beauty in unsightly places: Rhe power of invoking countertypical reflection
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Farkas, Maria	Interviewee created boundary objects: Placing experiences in the context of a whole
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Mortensen, Tord	The power of shared peak moments
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Clegg, Stewart	Sledging towards match point
Elsbach, Kimberly	Seeing the forest through the trees: Aha's from out-of-discipline research
Ely Robin	Seeing and being seen across differences in race and gender
Golden-Biddle, Karen	Blink and you (dis)miss them: Coming to see new lines of sight
Perlow, Leslie	Collaborative implementation: 'What if,' asked George
Pratt, Mike	Spiraling to hope after years of struggle
Rhodes, Carl	The gift of the world: Writing as openness and responsibility
Roberts, Laura Morgan	Reaching to embody insights
Tsoukas, Hari	Sparkling conversations
Weick, Karl	Watching your theory: The Cerro Grande staff ride