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A theory can be understood as an explanation of a phenomenon, presented as logically coherent statements. If we are to understand and explain anything in or about world, we need a theoretical position. Students at the university level, regardless of field, need to be able to relate to theories and theoretical frameworks; however, "theory" often remains a remote and abstract notion. Theory in practice is an introduction to theoretical considerations around practical qualitative work, particularly textual and social science analysis. The author Jan Grue presents several fundamental questions, such as:

- What is theory?
- Why should we use theories?
- Do non-theoretical explanations of the world exist?
- How can we understand and apply theories in practical academic work?

This book highlights the role of theory and shows why and how theory is relevant in practice. The first part of the book sketches out the basics of understanding theory and theoretically founded analytic concepts, while the second part consists of three concrete examples of theoretical analysis from the fields of health and social sciences, ranging from text via media narratives to social phenomena.

