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**Books**

**One author**

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Medium of Publication.

**Two authors or editors**

Lastname, Firstname, and Firstname Lastname. *Title of Book*. City of Publication:

Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

**Three authors**

Lastname, Firstname, Firstname Lastname, and Firstname Lastname. *Title of Book*. City

of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

**Four or more authors**

The abbreviation et al. means "and others." Use et al. instead of listing all the authors.

Lastname, Firstname, et al. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

**No author given**

*Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

**An author and a translator**

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Trans. Firstname Lastname. City of Publication:

Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

**An author, a translator, and an editor**

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Trans. Firstname Lastname. Ed. Firstname Lastname.

City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

## Parts of Books

### **An introduction, a preface, a foreword, or an afterword written by someone other than the author(s) of a work**

Lastname, Firstname. Part of Book. *Title of Book*. By Author of book's Firstname

Lastname. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page span. Medium of Publication.

### **A poem, a short story, an essay, or a chapter in a collection of works by one author**

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Piece." *Title of Book*. Ed. Firstname Lastname. City of

Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page span. Medium of Publication.

### **A poem, a short story, an essay, or a chapter in an anthology of works by several authors**

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Piece." *Title of Book*. Ed. Firstname Lastname. City of

Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page span. Medium of Publication.

## Magazines, Newspapers, and Encyclopedias

### **An article in a newspaper**

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." *Title of Book Periodical* Day Month Year: pages.

Medium of Publication.

### **An article in a magazine**

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." *Title of Book Periodical* Day Month Year: pages.

Medium of Publication.

### **An article in an encyclopedia**

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Article." *Title of Book Periodical* City of Publisher:

Publisher, Year of Publication. Page span. Medium of Publication.

## Miscellaneous Nonprint Sources

### **An interview**

Lastname, Firstname. Personal interview. Day Month Year.

### **A video recording**

*Title of Recording*. Producer, Year. Medium of Publication.

## Electronic Publications

### A CD-ROM

"Title of Piece." *Title of CD*. Year ed. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

CD-ROM.

### A document from a website

Entries for online sources should contain as much information as available.

Lastname, Firstname. "Title of Work." *Title of website*. Publisher of Site. Day Month Year

(Date of Publication). Web. Day Month Year (Date of Access).

### An e-book

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year. Medium of

Publication.

### A tweet

Lastname, Firstname (user name). "Complete text of tweet." Day Month Year, Time

(created). Medium of Publication.